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Party leaders told to hold discussions

SINTOK, Tues. - Umno leaders should hold discussions with their division members before deciding to stand in the party's divisional elections next year.

Umno Vice-President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said such discussions were important to select only those who were most qualified to contest.

He added that the discussions could also help avert power struggles within the divisions.

Muhyiddin said this after opening a seminar on consumer protection laws at Universiti Utara Malaysia, here, today.

He said this in response to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's appeal to division heads yesterday to avoid being overzealous in securing positions in divisional elections next year.

The Prime Minister said Umno did not want to see intense fighting for posts which could result in members leaving the party.

Muhyiddin said from his experience, fights for positions at the divisional level could cause splits that would take years to mend.

He urged division leaders to keep in mind that strength and unity within the party were of utmost importance.

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