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Put Umno issue behind, focus on development

KUCHING, Sat. - The people have been told to close the chapter on Umno's possible entry into Sarawak and instead concentrate on efforts to develop the State.

Deputy Information Minister Datuk Khalid Yunus told a Press conference yesterday that Umno wanted the Sarawak Government to concentrate on development.

"The Prime Minister has already made a statement on the issue of Umno's entry into Sarawak.

"We in Umno have confidence in the ability of Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib (Mahmud) to provide a stable government.

"The most important thing for the State is to ensure that development efforts are carried out to ensure progress, and to us, Sarawak is well taken care of by the State BN component parties," he said after a meeting with State Information Department staff.

He also advised the people to put the issue behind them by giving undivided support to the BN State Government.

He said the important thing was to safeguard stability.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had yesterday said the party had no intention of going to Sarawak.

He said if the party was going to the State, it would only be to strengthen the Barisan Nasional and not to cause disunity among the coalition's partners.

Dr Mahathir said the party's supreme council would neither endorse nor recognise any branch set up in Sarawak.

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