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Umno delegates urged not to sell support

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Delegates to the Umno general assembly next month have been urged not to sell their support to any contender during the election.

Party secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today the party had heard rumours that some delegates had met with the contenders for specific reasons. However, no official reports had been made.

"We have not received any report ... we will investigate if there are cases.

"When there are no reports, we assume all is going well," he told reporters at the Parliament.

He added that the Umno management committee did not have the capability to monitor all action and activities of candidates vying for posts.

"It is up to them not to violate the regulations."

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's directive to stop campaigning and not to use agents to garner votes should be accepted by all if they really want to address money politics.

"This is because campaigning, sending representatives or agents to meet the grassroots will involve money and this means money politics.

"We do not have to send agents to meet delegates ... they do not have to go all over the country," Khalil said.

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