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Umno General Assembly was an interesting affair

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THERE are many interesting things reported in the media pertaining to the just-concluded Umno general assembly.

The defeat of the Menteris Besar was attributed to "wrong strategy".

In all probability, they were not voted in because they were neither pragmatic nor sincere to themselves. Was it the prestige of the position that made them vie for the three vice-president's seats? Or was it upon the insistence of their hangers-on?

A newly-elected supreme council member was quoted as saying, "many of those who left the party to join the Opposition have regretted their decision because they realise that it is only through Umno that they can contribute". Does this group of former members now really want to contribute to Umno, or is it that Umno cannot and will not contribute to them?

I was impressed by new Wanita deputy head Datuk Shahrizat Jalil during a forum on the night of the supreme council results.

She instantly voiced her disappointment - live and uncensored on national television - when no Wanita candidate was elected.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has mellowed and is wiser to the aspirations of the grassroots.

His "follow me only if I do good" advice could be the Umno quote of the new millennium. Many will follow you even if you miss a step along the way. This is the true spirit of Umno and Malaysia.