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Umno to curb use of mosques as political platforms

KUANTAN, Mon. - Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Mohd Khalil Yaakob said that the party would take measures to curb the use of mosques by certain quarters who took advantage of the break between tarawih prayers to deliver political talks and also to condemn the Government.

"What disappoints me most is the fact that these quarters include political issues in the tarawih prayers which are performed during this holy month of Ramadan," he said.

He was asked to comment on the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who expressed his disappointment that there were several imams who had exploited the increased number of congregation at mosques during the fasting month by giving political talks.

He said this after breaking fast with the Kuantan Umno members here, last night.

"These quarters go to the mosques and insert some political elements in between the tarawih prayers, even though they know that some of the congregation are against their actions, he said.

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