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Understand party charter, Umno members urged

UMNO members should thoroughly understand Clause 3 of the Umno Constitution which explicitly explains the basis and aim of the party, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Rais Yatim said yesterday.

He said that Clause 3 states what Umno is and the struggles of the Malay agenda.

"Clause 3 also states the meaning of the Malay agenda and the meaning of unity, loyalty and service.

"A lot of new Umno members do not appreciate Umno's slogan of unity, loyalty and service. In fact, when asked why they joined Umno, many will simply smile and not be able to give an answer," Rais said.

He was asked to comment on Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement on Tuesday that all Umno leaders and members should return to the party's original struggle without attaching importance to individuals.

Dr Mahathir said that what is important now is to ensure the party remains united.

"I told them who becomes the leader is not important but what is important is that Umno remains intact, united and will accept whoever is chosen as the leader," Dr Mahathir had said.

Rais, however, added that he is thankful that the fighting spirit has been reinjected into Umno members.

"What is important is serving because without that unity and loyalty will be non-existent. Umno veterans who truly understand will have to play their role to encourage this fighting spirit among the Youth and Wanita," Rais said.

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