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`Do not question board's decision'

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Umno disciplinary board's decision to suspend six party officials for their alleged involvement in money politics should not be questioned as the code of ethics on the issue was very clear.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said all party officials had been informed in black and white on the code of ethics and briefed on it several times.

"Even party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad himself had repeatedly reminded party officials against money politics," he said at the Parliament lobby today.

The six are Gopeng division chief Mustafa Kamal Mohd Nawi; Bagan Serai candidate for deputy chief Zaki Din; Baling division chief and Kedah State Exco member Datuk Zainol Md Isa; Gopeng information chief Mohamad Annuar Baharuddin; Selayang information chief Rahmat Abdullah and Muar division chief and KFC Holdings Malaysia Berhad executive chairman Datuk Abdullah Omar.

Najib was commenting on reports that about 100 branch heads in Johor had questioned the board's decision to bar Abdullah from holding party posts for six years.

He said questioning the board's decision was like doubting its credibility.

In Muar, Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today supported Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call that the party's supreme council should endorse the disciplinary board's decision to suspend the six.

The council is scheduled to meet this Saturday.

He said the stringent measure was necessary to clean up Umno and prevent corrupt leaders from holding important posts in all divisions and branches.

"Umno must decide and act firmly to end money politics and abuse of power to win back the trust and confidence of members," he said today.

Muhyiddin said although the Board had barred them from standing for elections and holding party posts for six years, they could still appeal to the Supreme Council.

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