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Ex-MB: Unity threatened by desperate politicians

SHAH ALAM, Sat. - Unity among the Malays is being weakened by some desperate and opportunistic politicians who hide behind religion, Selangor Umno liaison chief Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said today.

"These people are obviously fighting for an individual or a small group of people," he said at the convention.

He said these people had to a certain extent succeeded in influencing a small group of people to be rogues and show disrespect to leaders.

The convention discussed the importance of political education and how Umno could attract the younger generation, proposed development of Malay townships and involvement of Malay entrepreneurs in tourism and retail businesses and listing of Bumiputera companies on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

A social action plan 2004 was also proposed to overcome problems faced by Malay youths including setting up counselling and guidance centres.

The resolutions of the convention were handed to Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo.

Later, Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad named the centre The New Malay Cultural Training Institute (Institute Latihan Budaya Melayu Baru).

It will be located on 16 hectares in Gombak. Restoration work will start in August and is expected to be completed in February.

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