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STOP WASHING DIRTY LINEN IN PUBLIC, SAYS UMNO YOUTH DELEGATE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- An Umno Youth delegate today urged party members to stop washing dirty linen in public as it could weaken the party.

"The Umno Youth fears this for if we are not careful, it can crumble away the party," said Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir when tabling a motion to debate the keynote address by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

However, he said there was nothing wrong to criticise one another for example in the general assembly but there were limits.

Zambry also said the movement also feared an end to the culture of respecting the leaders following backbiting and backstabbing among party members.

This was happening in a neighbouring country where the leaders became objects of ridicule, he said.

"Once respect for a leader is lost, anything is possible. Thus, we must have good leaders and followers," he said.

Zambry also urged the Malays in particular Umno members to look back into their past and learn from it.

This was because history had something to offer and the Malays could avoid repeating past mistakes, he said.

He said the Malays should also stop faulting their own race and Umno for the problems currently facing the Malays and Umno.

On the other hand, the Malays should make self-evaluation, he said.

Meanwhile, a delegate from Sabah Umno in supporting the motion said Umno should change its strategies and actions to meet current situation to avoid losing support and influence.

Bung Moktar Radin said Umno should accept the fact that the various political crisis within the party were due to a change in the perspective of the Malays.

"Umno today is no longer seen as Malay friendly. Umno is labelled with various tags which frighten the Malays themselves. Umno is regarded as no longer relevant to discuss about the struggle of the race, religion and country," he said.

The Kinabatangan Umno division chief said all these must be immediately tackled to rejuvenate Umno for the next general election which was regarded as important in determining Umno's survival.

This was because Umno was not only facing the opposition but those who once shared the struggle of the party, he said.

"We are attacked from all flanks. It is not being extreme to say that Umno's fate today is precarious, like an egg on the tip of a horn," he said.

Bung Moktar also said the quota system in the party's election had created a new crisis in Umno and some had viewed it as killing democracy.

"Clearly, the quota system is the most deadly weapon and can kill Umno itself...the question is, is it practical?" he said.

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