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UMNO VP TELLS CHINESE NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY OPPOSITION'S TACTICS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib has urged the Chinese not to be taken in by the opposition's tactics out to disrupt friendly ties and spirit of goodwill between the community and the Malays in Umno.

"To Umno, the Chinese especially those in the various component parties of the Barisan Nasional (BN) are part of themselves, like husband and wife. If there is problem, it must be resolved immediately and in the spirit of brotherhood," he said in an interview posted on the Umno-Online.

He said it was inappropriate therefore for the Chinese to be influenced by the malicious tactics to cast suspicion on Umno since they should know better that Umno cared for all communities.

The Malay Unity talks between Umno and PAS were not meant to sideline other communities especially the Chinese but merely to strengthen unity among the Malays, he said.

"Unity has great significance to the Malays because it will ensure stability in the country, politically, socially and economically. The results would naturally also benefit the Chinese who want economic development and peace.

"Because of that, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the meeting to be held as the Malay agenda is very important in efforts to strengthen the country now and on the long term," he said.

Muhammad said that once the Malays were united, national unity involving all communities would automatically follow suit with ease.

He felt it was unwise for Chinese extremists to try to exploit the situation through various reactions, racial in nature of late.

Such act would only lead to instability and racial tension, he said.

As such, he urged all communities to continue their friendly ties by giving priority to bigger agenda such as national development for the benefit of future generation.

"The Malays and the Chinese should also continue with smart partnership in business and education with any prejudice and give priority to national harmony," he said.

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