

Improve wealth of Malays, says delegate

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EFFORTS must be made to improve the purchasing power of the Malays for them to own assets, raise a family and pay for their children's university education, an Umno Youth delegate said.

"Otherwise, an imbalance of wealth between the bumiputras and non-bumiputras would be worrying," said Wan Khair-il Anuar Wan Ahmad.

The Economic Planning Unit should draw up an action plan to correct any imbalances and allocations could be given out according to racial composition, he added when debating on the motion of thanks on the presidential address.

Wan Khair-il also spoke of bumiputras who were allegedly sidelined in the private sector.

"Many big firms hire bumiputras just at the lower levels.

"The presence of bumiputras is merely window-dressing or to meet the quota," he said.

Pasir Mas division chief Datuk Ibrahim Ali said the



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Malays should try to understand the underlying reasons for policies introduced by Umno leaders.

For example, he said, there was no need for them to rave and rant when the Government announced that Mara Junior Science Colleges would open their doors to non-bumiputras.

"We must be confident that our leadership is able to protect Malay rights. Otherwise, we would be scoring own

goals," he said.

Ibrahim had the audience tickled when he related that the cover of his book, *Babi*, which depicted a picture of a pig, was torn by some people.

"This is not excrement, but just a piece of paper," he said, referring to the book cover.

He also took a jibe at Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, likening him to a pope from Kelantan.

"Anything that anybody else does is wrong, except PAS."

He praised the Prime Minister and his deputy for visiting Opposition Leader Datuk Fadzil Noor in the hospital after his heart surgery.

"The PAS leader had been unconscious but shortly after Dr Mahathir visited him, he opened his eyes."

Umno, he said, had to deal with *baruas* who claimed they were fighting for Islam but were actually promoting their self-interest.

The motion was approved.