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STOP HARPING ON RACIAL ISSUES, SABAH UMNO MEMBERS TOLD

TAWAU, April 14 (Bernama) -- Minister in the Chief Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Ghapur Salleh has called on Sabah Umno members to refrain from raising political issues related to ethnic groups.

Abdul Ghapur, who is the Tawau Umno division head, said Umno belonged to all regardless of their ethnic origin and hence no such issues should be raised.

"There is no place in Umno for those who like to harp on racial sentiments as this is detrimental and can create splits (within the party).

"What is important is to unite, as a weak Umno will jeopardise the strength of the other Barisan Nasional (BN) component members," he said in his speech when opening the Tawau Umno delegates conference here today.

Abdul Ghapur urged Umno members to focus on unity to ensure that the party continued receiving full support from the people.

"Do not squabble among ourselves as if this happens, then it will be a loss to Umno itself," he said.

Abdul Ghapur also lambasted the opposition for trying to determine who should take over from party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when he retires.

"As party members, we in Umno fully support the leadership of Dr Mahathir," he said.

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