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`Conflicts, conspiracies if leaders don't know their duties'

PARTY leaders were today advised to carry out their duties and stop being greedy and arrogant.

Debating the motion of thanks on the presidential address, Bayan Bayu division chief Mohd Azhar Abdul Wahab said members should always hold to the principle that there could never be two Prime Ministers in any country.

When there are leaders who do not know what their duties are, there will be conflicts and conspiracies to topple one another, he said.

Mohd Azhar cited the use of the term 2M some time back which he said made some people think that there were two party presidents and two Prime Ministers.

"This situation caused some party members to lose direction. But luckily one party decided to back out after realising that Umno only needed one president.

"Then came another deputy president who felt he was more capable and tried to topple our beloved leader (Dr Mahathir). This is what happens when we have a leader who is arrogant, greedy and without political wisdom," he said.

He went on to remind leaders at branch and divisional levels to regard the episode as a lesson and prevent disunity in the party.

"A ship should only have one captain. If we forget this fact, then there will be misunderstandings at the branch, division and national-levels," he said, adding that deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had also stressed that leaders should ensure that such a situation did not recur in Umno Youth, Wanita and Puteri Umno.

Mohd Azhar also reminded members that the party constitution clearly stipulated that the president of the party was the leader and was responsible for maintaining the party's stability.

The duties of the deputy president and vice-presidents are to assist the president.

He also warned that Umno would face big problems, if these principles were not adhered to.

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