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OPPOSITION LACKS PATRIOTIC SPIRIT, SAYS UMNO YOUTH LEADER

KUALA TERENGGANU, Nov 4 (Bernama) -- The opposition parties' rejection of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's open invitation to them to join the Barisan Nasional (BN) shows that they lack the spirit of patriotism, an Umno Youth leader said today.

Terengganu Umno Youth chief Din Adam said it was clear that the opposition placed more importance to its political interests than efforts to unite the people to face external threats.

By ridiculing the prime minister's invitation, the opposition showed that it was never serious about the issue of unity, he said.

"If they did not take up the offer, the BN would not lose anything because the important thing is that the prime minister has opened the doors to them for the sake of the country and its people," he said.

It was up to them to interpret the move but Dr Mahathir's sincere aim had emphasised the point that BN always gave priority to unity, he said.

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