

'Reward Umno members for election work'

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KEPALA BATAS: Umno leaders at division and branch levels must give appropriate rewards to appreciate those who work hard for the party in the coming general election, said Umno information chief Tan Sri Megat Junid Megat Ayob.

He said there should not be incidences where rewards did not reach those at the lower and bottom ranks of the party for carrying out their tasks.

Such an issue, he said, should not be deemed petty by division and branch leaders, as the reward would be a form of appreciation by the party.

"Such rewards should reach those at the lower levels because if not, it could be used as an excuse for not carrying out tasks during the election.

"During the general election,

issues as petty as this will become big," he said after a two-hour closed door briefing with some 1,000 state Umno leaders and supporters at the launching of the *Gerak-Gempur Pulau Pinang* in preparation for the general election at Dewan Milenium here yesterday.

He urged Umno members to give their full support to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi when he takes over as Prime Minister.

He said Abdullah's approach and style should not be questioned or compared to that of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as each had his own way of doing things.

"Don't let this be an issue among the people and party members," he added.