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Malaysian Indians must unite towards common goal

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MALAY unity was the theme during the Umno general assembly held last week. One cannot help feeling that Umno leaders have now realised unity among the Malays is the key factor to progress. The Prime Minister's closing speech should give every Malaysian something to think about.

The leaders of MIC, PPP and IPF should also heed Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice. What Malaysian Indians need now is unity and to work towards a common goal.

The leaders seem to speak about the same issues affecting the community, but have never been able to sit at a common table.

At the time of Independence we were united and were able to make our stand on a single platform in the then "Alliance Party". Today, we are divided into three main political parties, all claiming to be champions of the community. These leaders are more interested in getting more members as a sign of strength to bargain for parliamentary and State seats.

They make no effort to unite the community, but indeed have succeeded in splitting the community into three main groups. Sick of these leaders many have now joined the Opposition.

The PM has appealed to the Malays to look back at the Malay struggle during the Independence days when their unity was never in question. Let me appeal to the leaders of MIC, PPP and IPF to also see the Indian