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Umno leaders urged to lodge complaints over threats

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Umno leaders who have received threats regarding their positions have been advised to lodge complaints with the party's supreme council.

Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said this was to enable the supreme council to carry out investigations, if deemed necessary.

"So far, I have not heard about threats against any Umno leaders as alleged by some quarters.

"But if it is true, then the person concerned should officially lodge a complaint.

"We need to check this trend," said Muhammad when asked to comment on a claim by Perlis Umno chief Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim yesterday that several Umno leaders had been receiving threats warning them to be careful come October (when Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad steps down as Prime Minister and Umno president).

Shahidan, who is Perlis Menteri Besar and Umno supreme council member, said he had received such a threat.

Another vice-president, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, said the transition of power should not be used to create instability in the party.

Muhyiddin, the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, said party leaders should remind members to not fall into traps aimed at discrediting members using immoral approaches.

Umno information chief Tan Sri Megat Junid Megat Ayub said it was normal for politicians to face threats regarding their positions.

"I have encountered such incidents many times in my career as a politician."