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Umno reps under watch

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TELUK INTAN, Sun. - Umno headquarters is closely monitoring the performances of the party's elected representatives to ascertain whether they should be re-appointed to contest in the general election.

Umno information chief Tan Sri Megat Junid Megat Ayob said the party headquarters, in making the assessment, was compiling reports on the performances of MPs and State Assemblymen.

"We are taking into consideration their sins and good deeds," he said at a meet-the-people session with Pasir Salak constituents in Chenderong Balai near here last night.

Also present were Umno executive secretary Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, State Umno chief and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali and Deputy Transport Minister Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib, who is Pasir Salak MP.

Megat Junid advised Umno elected representatives to improve their services.

He said the headquarters was also monitoring every division.

He also urged branch and divisional leaders who had held their positions for too long to give way to others, especially younger leaders.

"We will not allow Umno to suffer the same fate as in the last general election due to internal squabbles," he said, referring to the defeats in the Parit parliamentary constituency.

Umno lost the parliamentary seat as well as the two State seats to Pas and Keadilan.

Megat Junid, who was the four-term MP for Pasir Salak, was defeated by a Pas candidate when he moved to Parit to contest the seat in the 1999 election.

Meanwhile, Tajol Rosli said he would ensure that locals would be selected as candidates for the seats in Parit in an effort to wrest the seats from the Opposition.

According to Tajol Rosli, he had already notified party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad of the matter.