

## **Perkasa is unwanted, says Umno**

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PETALING JAYA - Umno secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor has distanced the ruling party from Perkasa saying the latter is unwanted in Umno.

"They are not wanted in Umno, they are no more leaders, they are just ordinary members. Umno has nothing to do with Perkasa," he said in an interview Wednesday and quoted in *The Star*.

According to Tengku Adnan, Perkasa's harsh rhetoric has been eroding the Barisan Nasional's support among the non-Malays.

"When they talk about my Chinese or Indian friends, they make us lose more votes. What do you want for Malaysia? You want a civil war?" he said.

Tengku Adnan also said that BN cannot afford to discriminate against anyone if the coalition wants to continue its governance.

He reminded Perkasa leaders that BN needs to address the needs of all racial groups and advised them to "slow down."

"Please slow down. Whatever you do, please think properly of the end result," he said.

Tengku Adnan said most of the Perkasa leaders had lost in the last Umno election and had sought for a political platform to have their voices heard.

The Umno secretary-general has no intention to speak with Perkasa leader Ibrahim Ali, who reportedly accused Tengku Adnan of favouring Chinese voters over the Malays in an online news portal.

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