

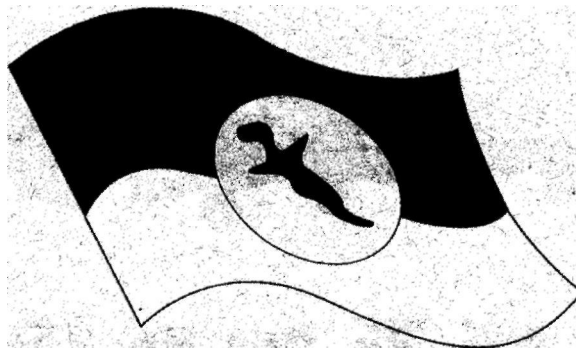
Adnan: Kris root of disputes

IPOH: Is the kris symbol in Umbo's party flag the reason for disputes and instabilities throughout the party's 60 years of existence?

The dagger sits in the centre of the flag and is drawn from its sheath and is green in colour.

Supreme council member Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob has proposed that the party should think of changing the symbol.

Speaking to reporters after officiating the Sungai Siput Umno delegates meeting yesterday, he said the kris was perhaps an unsuitable icon as it was a weapon used in lights



and skirmishes.

The Pahang Menteri Besar thinks a better symbol would be a coin.

"A coin symbolises economy and it shows Umno's effort to eradicate money politics," he said.

Adnan said he hoped the party leadership would consider his suggestion and interpretation in proposing the change to be made.

"The kris being in a drawn position might just be the cause of Umno going through so many difficulties," he said,

Adnan pointed out, among others, to the tiff between the late Tunku Abdul Rahman and former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Umno being declared illegal and the Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim saga.

Also present were MIG president and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and Gerakan vice-president Datuk

Chang Ko Youn,

In **Kangar**, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Ali Rustam said 67,000 of the 3.2 million Umno members have yet to register as voters.

"This is quite worrying because most of them are taking it easy," he said when opening the Kangar Umno division delegates conference.

He said there was a misconception that it was more important to be a party member than a voter.

The party was how tracking down those who had not registered as voters.

"We have told the branch leaders to check on this."