

**NGOs Supporting BN Need To Be More Vocal, Says Umno Info Chief**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 26 (Bernama) -- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) which back the Barisan Nasional's efforts to strive for the people need to be more vocal in voicing their support, said Umno information chief Datuk Ahmad Maslan.

Ahmad, who is a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department, said many of the nation's NGOs support BN but prefer to be the silent majority with a "wait-and-see" attitude.

"The opposition NGO supporters, however, prefer to be a vocal minority," he said while cautioning the government NGO supporters from becoming too vocal with negative consequences.

"The BN needs the support of various parties and we see the NGOs as among the most important in our struggle for the people," he said after opening the 1Malaysia "Muafakat" Conference organised by Permas, which was attended by 15 NGOs here, today.

Asked if he saw the Angkatan Amanah Merdeka NGO, led by Umno veteran Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, as a BN supporter, Ahmad Maslan said Tengku Razaleigh was part of the BN leadership.

"Tengku Razaleigh is also Gua Musang Umno chief and BN member of parliament. It goes without saying that he is part of the Umno and BN leadership," he added.

Ahmad Maslan also reminded all Umno members to base their struggles for the people on the party's strength and not on the opposition's weakness.

"Don't just help the people when you see the opposition being weak with internal problems and don't be smug when you see them weak.

"We must fight for the people all the time, not just seasonally. We must uphold this to ensure that the people are taken care of and they support us," he said.

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