

**Umno Delegates Should Take Cue From President, Deputy President - MUBARAK
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- The Council of Elected Representatives (MUBARAK) feels that Umno delegates should take their cues from party president and deputy president who gave them the signals that the next general is around the corner.

MUBARAK information chief Datuk Abdul Rahman Sulaiman said while giving the opposition a tongue-lashing, they should also give ideas on how to strengthen the party to enable Barisan Nasional to score a landslide win.

He said the delegates should argue on three core issues, namely unity in the party, preparation for the general election and willingness to sacrifice for the party.

The delegates should understand the president's request that party members become "party persons" and not merely party members, he said when commenting on the debate at the Umno General Assembly here Friday.

Sik Division delegate Datuk Md Jali Lateh said as the general assembly 2011 was the last before the next general election, most Umno division leaders felt uneasy as they could be dropped or not chosen to contest in the election.

"Some of them are no longer needed by grassroots members while others could be liabilities to the party in the next general election," he said.

Md Jali said most Umno veterans continued to slam the opposition and hardly offered news ideas to resolve the problems at the divisions.

On the other hand, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal said he was impressed with the maturity shown by the younger generation during the debate.

"I noticed that they did a lot of research and I am very proud of them, particularly Umno overseas clubs and Puteri Umno.

"The views espoused reflected that they were sincere in wanting the country to progress for the betterment of all races," he added.

A representative of the Umno overseas clubs, Wan Mohamad Azam Wan Rosdy, in his speech, urged Umno leaders to understand the mindset of young people irrespective of their political affiliation.

He said Umno leaders should get closer to the younger generation for if they could appreciate Umno struggle, they would be willing to work hard for the party.

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