

Malay rights to the fore, Perkasa reminds Umno
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 — Datuk Ibrahim Ali warned Umno today to put the Malay agenda at the forefront of its upcoming general assembly if it intends to stay pertinent to the community

“If Umno wants to remain relevant, it must empower this agenda in its struggle. The people, particularly the Malays, know how to discern between rhetoric and reality,” the Independent Pasir Mas MP was quoted by Bernama Online today.

Ibrahim’s Perkasa had its ties to Umno reinforced recently when patron and former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad urged the party to embrace the Malay rights group and its cause for the sake of electoral support.

Tomorrow, Umno heads into what will likely be its final assembly before an anticipated general election next year.

Ibrahim’s advice today, however, goes against Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak’s word of caution for delegates to be conscientious of other racial communities when addressing the assembly.

“Our delegates, in their speeches, must not offend the feelings of others. Use proper language and be aware that they are not only speaking to the 3,000 delegates inside the hall, but the 28 million Malaysians outside who will also be listening,” he told national news agency Bernama in an interview on Saturday.

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