

**Political Awareness Proven By Celebrity Participation In Umno: Badruddin  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (Bernama) -- The participation of artistes and celebrities in Umno is an indication of their political awareness and their hopes to protect the benefits they currently enjoy.

Umno permanent chairman Datuk Badruddin Amiruldin said this also indirectly translated their gratitude to the government for championing their welfare through the Information, Communication and Culture Ministry.

"When these celebrities join Umno it shows that they understand Umno's struggles and that they have enjoyed the benefits.

"To repay the government for helping them with their films and performances, they made the decision to join Umno and help retain all the perks they have now," he told Bernama here today.

Badruddin said they hoped the membership of artistes and celebrities, who have a large following nationwide, can play a role in explaining to the public the policies implemented by Barisan Nasional.

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