

UMNO Must Be Model For Election For Other Component Parties

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PONTIAN, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- UMNO as the main pillar of the Barisan Nasional (BN) must demonstrate the best example in holding an orderly election in a family spirit to preserve party solidarity.

UMNO information chief, Datuk Ahmad Maslan said as such, the advice given by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak who wanted UMNO members to place the principles of family as a strong foundation in the UMNO election must be adhered to.

"Although there is competition whether at the branch, division or Supreme Council levels involving the three party wings, we hope it can be carried out in an orderly manner in a family spirit," he told reporters when met at an Aidilfitri open house for the Pontian parliamentary constituency at the Dewan Serbaguna Kampung Lubok Sipat, Benut, in Pontian, Saturday.

Meanwhile in BERUAS, Perak, UMNO vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein felt that the run-up to the October party election is less tainted by negative culture such as personal attacks.

"So far I feel relieved that the earlier negative culture which prevailed has not reared its ugly head to damage the party," he said after attending the Beruas UMNO division Aidilfitri open house.

The divisional meetings and election of supreme council members would be held on Oct 19.

A total of 146,500 UMNO grassroots members in the party's 191 divisions will be involved in electing the members of the supreme council, namely the president, deputy president, three vice-presidents and 25 ordinary members.

In KEMAMAN, Terengganu, the state UMNO Liaison chairman Datuk Seri Ahmad Said hoped that the elections for the divisional and branch leaders would proceed smoothly for the sake of the party's well-being.

"We must accept the results. And after that focus on further strengthening the party to face the next general election," he said at the Aidilfitri open house at his residence in Teluk Kalong, Kemaman.

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