

Several Umno Branches In Kelantan Ordered To Conduct Fresh Polls
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JELI, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- Several branches in the Rantau Panjang and Kubang Kerian Umno divisions will have to conduct fresh polls under the watchful eyes of the Kelantan Umno Election Committee due to conflicts encountered.

In announcing this, State Umno liaison committee chairman Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the delegate meetings held by the branches failed to adhere to the procedures.

He said the two divisions were placed under the scrutiny of the committee to avoid Umno members in the branches involved from being victimised.

"Umno branches, which have valid complaints, will have to hold their delegate meetings again to ensure transparency and fairplay," he said when met at an undergraduate gathering at Universiti Malaysia Kelantan's Jeli campus here on Sunday.

Mustapa, who is also international trade and industry minister, said Umno members must abide by the selection committee's decision to avoid controversies and conflicts that could tarnish the party's image.

As branch and division leaders will be instrumental in Umno's foray in the next general election, he said, "We have to choose leaders who are clean, committed and hardworking, and not those who clamoured for positions purely out of self-interest."

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