

UMNO Remains Coveted Political Platform To Govern Country – Annuar

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- UMNO remains the coveted political platform to be used as a vehicle to govern the country despite the current challenges, said UMNO Information Chief Tan Sri Annuar Musa.

He said this desire with regard to UMNO was also present in the former leaders of the party who once enjoyed that political platform but now tried to incite hatred against the party.

"I believe that deep in their hearts these former UMNO leaders, including former president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, despite all their praise for PKR and DAP, still look up to UMNO as the necessary vehicle that they had so long enjoyed.

"It is just that they are being sour grapes because when they cannot be in control of UMNO, they leave and try to popularise their new party and one way is to spread hatred for UMNO, not because they are not convinced (of UMNO's capability)," he said in the 'Selamat Pagi Malaysia' programme over TV1 of Radio Television Malaysia.

Annuar said UMNO's history had proven that the party was the most successful political platform because it was inspired by the spirit of a genuine struggle despite internal crises that had led to a little disunity.

He said the crises faced by the party which, among other things, led to the formation of splinter political parties such as Parti Negara, Parti Semangat 46 and PAS, had strengthened UMNO to forge ahead of the other parties.

"Some of these parties are struggling to hold general meetings and elections but UMNO, as can be seen by all, has held meetings for its over 20,000 branches and 191 divisions and is quite enthusiastic about holding its general assembly," he said.

As such, he said, UMNO members should instill in themselves the spirit of the party so that they understood the party struggle and objectives that were very much different from those of the other parties which existed in the interests of certain individuals.

On the UMNO General Assembly next week, Annuar said it would be encompassed in the spirit of the winning mentality and bring forth the strength and solidarity of the members in preparation for the next general election.

The UMNO General Assembly 2017 is slated for Dec 5 to 9 at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

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