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Mahathir-Umno !!!

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KOTA BAHARU, May 30th (Bernama) -- Umno president Daluk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who remains chairman of the Kelantan Umno liaison committee, today announced the full line-up of the committee which saw the inclusion of two new faces.

The two are Daluk Dr Nik Hussein Nik Abdul Rahman (treasurer) and Encik Hassan Harun (information chief). They succeeded Daluk Abdul Rahim Abdul Rahman and Haji Hassan Tsmail respectively.

The Prime Minister announced the line-up at a special meeting here of Umno divisional, youth and wanita committees from throughout Kelantan.

Youth and Sports Minister Senator Haji Annuar Musa remains as deputy liaison chairman.

Daluk Seri Dr Mahathir said another state Umno veteran leader, Haji Ahmad Shahibuddin Haji Mohamad Noor, has been retained as liaison secretary.

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Mahathir-Umno 2 Kota Baharu !!!

He reminded all Umno members in Kelantan not to question the line-up and hoped they would cooperate meaningfully to ensure Umno's return to power in the state.

+All leaders are not perfect, including me. Don't think too much about it. + he said to the applause of party members who packed the Umno building.

He said, as human beings, members of the new liaison committee also have shortcomings but party members should forgive them and instead support them fully.

The Prime Minister reminded the people of Kelantan not to be particularly parochial if they wanted to see local leaders appointed to party or government leadership at federal level.

+By insisting too much that a Kelantanese must be made Prime Minister, it may work otherwise and end up with none at all coming from the state, + he said. -- more

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Mahathir-Umno 3 Kota Bharu !!!

The Prime Minister related to the audience how Dr Jeffrey Kitingan (brother of the Sabah chief minister) had once asked him sometime before the last general election whether a Sabahan could become Prime Minister.

+I said no, not a Sabahan, but a Malaysian, yes. If we depend on the Sabah tag to become Prime Minister, other people will reject that,+ said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir.

At the same function, former Parti Semangal 46 youth chief and Member of Parliament for Pasir Mas, Haji Ibrahim Ali handed over to the Prime Minister part of the 19,075 applications from Semangal 46 members to rejoin Umno.

Speaking at a press conference later, the Prime Minister said when he opened the Pasir Mas-Salor bridge in the morning, no specific offers were made to Kelantan Menteri Besar Kelantan, Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat who was also present.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the question of whether federal ties with Kelantan would improve following his first official visit today did not arise.-- more

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Mahathir-Umno 4 Kota Bharu !!!

He said relation between Kuala Lumpur and the Kelantan government was normal and in accordance with the law.

+The Federal Government has fulfilled its duties to Kelantan and will continue doing so. What more must we do?+ he said.

The Prime Minister acknowledged that relation between the Federal Government and Kelantan has now differed because previously the basis was a common party.

+Now, the relation is with an opposition party. Therefore it is between the ruling party and the opposition,+ he said.-- Bernama