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UP TO COURT WHETHER TO TAKE ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH INJUNCTION

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 7 6⁹¹ (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today it is up to the courts whether to take action in connection with the swearing-in of two new assemblymen by the Kelantan Legislative Assembly despite an injunction having been issued against them.

The Prime Minister declined to comment further when approached by reporters after launching the National Family Day celebrations here.

"I do not know... I am not conversant with legal matters," he said.

The interlocutory injunction issued by the High Court here today restrains the two new assemblymen, Haji Mahmud Yaakub and Haji Samad Mamat, from taking their oath of office and from conducting any business relating to the assembly.

Haji Mahmud and Haji Samad won the Sungai Pinang and Limbongan seats respectively in the Aug 24 by-elections. They were sworn in before Speaker Haji Omar Mohamed at the start of the assembly sitting this morning. -- more

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The injunction was obtained by former assemblymen Haji Nordin Salleh (Sungai Pinang) and Haji Wan Mohamad Najih Wan Mohamad (Limbongan).

The by-elections were held following Haji Nordin and Haji Wan Mohamad Najib's expulsion as assemblymen after the state constitution was amended to bar party hopping.

They joined Umno after winning the seats on Semangat 46 tickets in the last general election.

Last week the High Court ruled in their favour when it held that the amendment is partially invalid and ultra vires the Federal Constitution. - Bernama

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