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MAHATHIR SAYS UMNO MAY CITE KELANTAN STATE ASSEMBLY FOR CONTEMPT

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MELAKA, April 16 (Bernama) -- Umno may resort to court action if the Kelantan State Legislative Assembly motion to refer two Barisan Nasional (BN) assemblymen to a select committee is found to be in contempt of court, Datuk. Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

+If it is found that the action is in contempt of court, we may have to take the matter to court,+ the Prime Minister and Umno president added.

The matter might be discussed at the Umno Supreme Council meeting this week, he told reporters here.

The state assemblymen, Nordin Salleh (Sungai Pinang) and Wan Mohamed Najib Wan Mahamed (Limbongan) were referred to the assembly's select committee on Monday for allegedly tarnishing the image of the House and misleading the people.

Dr Mahathir said PAS could not say that it respected the court decision by reinstating the two men but at the same time act to invalidate it. -- more

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~~On the claim that the action was taken because the two assemblymen had~~ not followed the wishes of the people and had lied to them, Dr Mahathir said that from the start PAS should have informed the people that anyone who switched parties after the general election would be expelled as an elected representative.

+But, this was not told., . after the person is elected new laws are made ignoring the rights of the elected representative and the people,+ he added.

He said that the action was not according to the wishes of the people.

Nordin and Wan Najib were re-instated as assemblymen after the Supreme Court ruled that the amendment to the Kelantan Constitution to prohibit members from switching parties was partially null and void. -- Bernama

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