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AKIM TO OBSERVE UMNO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

PASIR PUTEH, May 10 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Insan Malaysia (Akim), a Pas splinter group, will participate in Umno's 50th anniversary celebrations in the federal capital tomorrow, its president Haji Musa Salleh said today.

Although Akim was invited to send only two representatives, he said, this was already an honour for the party which was formed early last year.

Akim Secretary General Abdul Rahman Ibrahim will be with him to represent the party, he told Bernama.

Musa said Pas which had the support of the Malays should also join in the celebrations as these had no political motive, other than reminiscing the Malay struggles against colonialism.

Commenting on Pas' call for the Umno support in amending the Kelantan State Constitution to limit powers and immunity of the Kelantan Sultan, Musa said Pas had now lost its self-respect.

Pas had once labelled Umno as "infidel", but now faced with a crucial moment, it was asking for Umno support, he said.

Pas Commissioner in Kelantan Datuk Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, who is the state Menteri Besar, met Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad two days ago -- a meeting viewed by many as an attempt by Pas to garner Umno support for the intended constitutional amendment.

Musa, a former Pasir Puteh Pas chief, said there was no need for Pas to amend the state constitution.

As for the present, the most important move would be to seek the Central Government's support for the Hudud laws, passed by the Kelantan State Legislative Assembly.

The Islamic laws, once approved by the Central Government would automatically remove the powers and immunity of the ruler, he added. --

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