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DEPUTY MB'S SALARY REDUCTION IS AN INSULT- RAZALEIGH

ALOR SETAR, July 10 (Bernama) -- President of Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah has said the Kelantan State Assembly's move to reduce the salary of Deputy Menteri Besar II Datuk Mohamed Rozali Isohak by RM500 is an insult to the party.

"I think PAS now feels it is great and has become arrogant to the extent of insulting the Deputy Menteri Besar by reducing his salary," he said.

"They have attempted to belittle our position," he said after a two-hour meeting with S46 members in Kedah here last night.

Tengku Razaleigh said his party would not appeal against the decision but would leave it to the people to draw their own conclusion.

Asked to elaborate on his statement that his party had been evicted from the Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah, he said he was informed by a senior PAS official that the PAS Supreme Council had decided on the move.

Tengku Razaleigh also reiterated that he had not set any condition to join Umno and had informed the Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that he was not seeking any post within Umno or outside of it.

"I wish to thank Kelantan Umno Deputy Liaison Committee Chief Datuk Annuar Musa for his willingness to make way for me but I do not propose to hold any post in the party and moreover this is a prerogative of the Umno leadership," he added. -- BERNAMA

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