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DR MAHATHIR TO MEET KU LI OVER DEVELOPMENT IN S46

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has decided to hold a meeting with Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) President Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah to discuss latest developments within the party.

The Prime Minister said he wanted in particular to know S46's position with regard to its relation with PAS as well as desire to rejoin Umno.

"I'll arrange for the meeting to be held as soon as possible," said Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno President, after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting at party's headquarters at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

Dr Mahathir and Tengku Razaleigh have met twice since April. Following these meetings, the S46 President had expressed desire to join Umno together with party members to strengthen Malay unity.

The move, however, received strong criticism from S46's partner in Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah, PAS which governs Kelantan. It ended with PAS ending all ties with S46.

To a question, Dr Mahathir said the proposed meeting was not due to reported defection of many S46 members to PAS.

"I've agreed to meet him long before this but just can't find the time," he said.

In Kelantan, 343 S46 members in Rantau Panjang parliamentary constituency were reported to have left the party to join PAS.

S46 assemblyman for Kelaboran Haji Nordin Yaakob had also join PAS. --
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