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FORMER S46 MEMBERS URGED TO REMAIN CALM OVER REJECTION

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- Former Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) members have been asked to remain calm and not to resort to any negative reaction towards the process of their rejoining Umno.

Former S46 Information Chief, Ahmad Shabery Chik, said today what was happening was only a technical problem which should not jeopardise efforts to forge Malay unity.

He said the matter had been resolved by Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and former S46 President Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

Ahmad Shabery was commenting on news reports that the Umno Supreme Council had rejected the application of more than 120,000 former S46 members to join Umno because they wanted to join Umno branches specially set up for them and not existing branches.

The reports quoted Umno Secretary-General Datuk Sabaruddin Chik as saying that only 10,000 applications could be automatically accepted.

Ahmad Shabery said many telephoned him and called at his to find out what was going on.

He assured them that Dr Mahathir and Tengku Razaleigh in their wisdom would resolve the problem amicably. -- BERNAMA

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