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NO INTENTION TO CHECK ANYONE, SAYS KU LI

KUALA LUMPUR, July 10 (Bernama) -- Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said today his possible return to Umno is not intended to undermine Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's position.

The Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) president said his move to bring the party members into the Umno fold was solely for the unification of the Malays.

"There is no intention to contest with or to try to check anyone," he said at his office here.

Last Saturday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad dismissed allegations that he wanted to bring Tengku Razaleigh back into Umno to check Anwar's influence in the party and government.

Anwar, who is also the Umno deputy president, had said that he was not worried about Tengku Razaleigh rejoining Umno and hoped that the public would not read too much into the matter.

Razaleigh, in a meeting with Dr Mahathir, had expressed his wish to bring all his party supporters into Umno for the sake of Malay unity.

He said he had also informed Dr Mahathir that he did not expect any post for himself or the S46 leaders.

"We do not want to threaten anyone and do not propose to grab anyone's post," he said.

He said he himself was surprised to hear comments that his entry into Umno was to check Anwar's influence.

He said that after being out of Umno for so long they probably had no influence to compete with anyone in Umno.

"We do not want to be a different force from the one in Umno," said Tengku Razaleigh, who will be chairing the S46 supreme council meeting at its headquarters here tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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