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NO NEED FOR BN TO BUY OVER PAS ASSEMBLYMEN

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said there is no need for Umno to buy over Pas state assemblymen to enable the Barisan Nasional (BN) to rule Kelantan.

"We don't need them. We don't have to buy them over," he said when asked about possible moves to buy over Pas state assemblymen to enable BN to rule the state.

"I don't know anything about such a move," the Prime Minister told reporters at the Parliament building.

"If they want to join us, then that's different...but when they have joined us don't say that we had bought them over," he added.

He said when the former members and leaders of Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) wanted to rejoin Umno, the party (Umno) did not buy them over.

On the statement by the Sultan of Kelantan that the Pas government should cooperate with the federal government, Dr Mahathir said the federal government always welcomed such cooperation from the Kelantan government.

He said there was no reason why the Pas government could not cooperate with the federal government.

"We welcome the cooperation of the Kelantan government. After all we are providing substantial funds to the Pas government," he said. -- BERNAMA

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