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PAS' OBJECTION DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, SAYS KU LI

KOTA BAHARU, May 17 (Bernama) -- Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said he does not understand why PAS is against the party from cooperating with Umno considering that Islam welcomes unity.

"What's wrong with us having as many friends as possible? ... He didn't prevent us when we made friends with DAP and PBS (Parti Bersatu Sabah)," he told reporters at his residence here, soon after arriving from Kuala Lumpur today.

Tengku Razaleigh is back to meet party members to brief them on political development during the past two weeks in particular the party's desire to work together with Umno. It was also reported that he might return to Umno for the sake of Malay unity.

The move to work together with Umno has drawn fire from PAS and strained its relation with the party which dominated the ruling Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah in Kelantan.

Tengku Razaleigh said he had informed PAS national leaders after the general election last year regarding Umno's willingness to meet Angkatan.

According to him, the PAS leadership had agreed that he should also act on their behalf in finding ways to unite the Malays.

Tengku Razaleigh said this was what he discussed in his meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also Umno President, on two occasions recently.

He said component parties in Angkatan should have taken advantage of the development to bring the Malays together since Umno refused to talk to them in the past.

"Then why are they angry with us in our efforts to unite the Malays, to the extent of jeopardising everything ... doesn't make sense," he said.

On statement by Menteri Besar Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat that PAS would only cooperate with Kelantan S46 leaders but not its national leaders, Tengku Razaleigh said Nik Aziz should look at the reality.

"I know of only one S46 party," he said. -- BERNAMA

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