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PAS WANTS TO PART COMPANY WITH US, SAYS KU LI

BANDAR PUSAT JENGKA, July 6 (Bernama) -- Parti Melayu Semangat 46 President Tengku Razaleigh said today PAS has decided to part company with S46.

He said the decision which he was told yesterday was reached at the recent PAS general assembly.

"According to the report I received, PAS had decided to part company with us but is keeping the decision to themselves. I came to know about it. So I'm announcing it," he told reporters after addressing the state level 50th anniversary of the Malay unity here.

He said he regretted the decision made by PAS because S46 had been trying for so long to bring PAS members and supporters to unite together with the other Malays.

He described PAS' move as detrimental to Malay unity and the party should be held responsible for disunity among the Malays especially in Kelantan where the Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (APU) is in power.

Tengku Razaleigh also said a special general assembly would be held after his next meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to get the mandate from party members to join Umno.

He said, in principle the members expressed approval to the move in meetings he and other party leaders held so far during their nationwide tour.

He said the campaign to update the party's membership would also be launched.

Tengku Razaleigh believed the party has more than the estimated 400,000 members. -- BERNAMA

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