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DON'T OFFER JOBS OR PROJECTS IN RETURN FOR SUPPORT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 4 (Bernama) -- Candidates for posts in Umno should refrain from offering jobs or projects to delegates in return for their support, party Secretary-General Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today.

Such offers should not be made as it might be construed as bribery, he said.

Umno will elect its office-bearers in October. However party members at their general assembly in 1993 decided that party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim continue in office and hence there will be no elections for these two posts.

Such offers would also breach the party constitution and code of ethics, Mohamed said after witnessing the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding among the Government of Ghana, Amity Valley Sdn Bhd (AVSB) and Asian Panorama (M) Sdn Bhd on privatised and subscription TV.

Mohamed said this when asked to comment on the statement by Umno Youth Chief Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik two days ago that he had offered posts as company directors to several members of the movement's executive committee.

Rahim had said that the move was aimed at equipping them with corporate skills and business knowledge.

Asked whether Rahim's move was a normal practice in Umno, Mohamed said, "Umno has no company...Umno is not in business...this matter does not exist in Umno."

Speaking at the function, he said cooperation among AVSB, a subsidiary of Sistem Televisyen Malaysia Berhad (TV3) and APSB with the Government of Ghana provided an opportunity for the Malaysian private sector to be active in broadcasting overseas.

According to Mohamed, Ghana was stable politically and economically and TV3's involvement in coming up with a TV network in that country would not only benefit Ghana but also contribute to the development of TV in the whole of West Africa.

"I am confident that this effort will benefit Ghana and I hope TV3 will speedily undertake the feasibility study so that a TV network can be implemented in Ghana as soon as possible," he said.

Mohamed said he understood that AVSB and APSB had not only been allocated a TV Channel but also rights to subscription TV and home video programme.

The MoU was signed by AVSB Director Zahari Omar and APSB Director Syed Ahmad Khalid Syed Mohammed while Ghana was represented by the Executive Secretary of Divestiture Implementation Committee (DIC), a statutory body, Emmanuel Agbodo.

Mohamed at a reception that followed introduced the visitors to Malaysian delicacies such as kerepek and tapai.

"In Ghana, tapioca is known as "kasabah" and boiled tapioca is popular among Ghanaians and I wish to show our Ghanaian friends that tapioca is processed in many ways in our country and this industry can be expanded to Ghana," he added.

Agbodo hoped that the joint-venture project could be implemented speedily.

He invited Malaysian businessmen to invest in his country particularly in the fields of telecommunication, construction and shipping. -- BERNAMA

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