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EX-S46 MEMBERS IN PULAI CHONDONG APPLY TO JOIN PAS

PULAI CHONDONG, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- A total of 184 former members of the now defunct Parti Melayu Semangat 46 in Kelantan applied to join PAS at a ceremony here last night.

They are from Kampung Lahar, Kubang Tebit and Kampung Pasir Bandar which are in the Pulai Chondong state legislative assembly constituency where a by-election will be held on Jan 6.

Abdullah Jusoh, speaking on behalf of the 184 members, said were joining the ruling party in Kelantan on their own free will.

Kelantan Menteri Besar and state PAS chief Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, who received the application forms from the former S46 members, said it was a good sign that PAS would win the by-election.

He said it also indicated their acceptance of his leadership of the state, and a rejection of the view that ulamaks (religious scholars) could not administrate well.

Even Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad did not start off as an administrator but is able to serve well as the prime minister, Nik Aziz added.

However, he said, PAS would not seek to join Umno so long as the latter did not have Islam as the basis of the country's administration.

The by-election is being held following the death earlier this month of assemblyman Mohamad Noor Ahmad who won the Pulai Chondong seat on a S46 ticket but became an Umno member after S46 was dissolved two months ago.

In KOTA BAHARU, Parti Keadilan Insan Malaysia (Akim), a party formed by former PAS members in Kelantan, has offered to help the Barisan Nasional candidate from Umno in the by-election by campaigning against PAS.

Akim president Musa Salleh said today a team of 30 former PAS strongmen were ready to conduct public ceramahs after the nomination day on Dec 26 if there was a request from the BN.

Akim is also prepared to organise door-to-door campaigning participated by women members, he told Bernama. -- BERNAMA

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