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RANTAU PANJANG UMNO NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE ISSUE RESOLVED

SUNGAI PETANI, April 5 (Bernama) -- The Rantau Panjang Umno division's no-confidence vote issue against its leader has been resolved in a family atmosphere, Kelantan Umno Liaison Committee Deputy Chief Datuk Annuar Musa said here today.

The decision, made in a two-point resolution, was taken at a meeting last night, of the state liaison committee, the investigation committee headed by Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, division leader Mohd Zain Ismail and division committee members who adopted the no-confidence vote.

Annuar said it was first decided that all parties should respect and accept the views of party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the vote of no-confidence was against the party culture.

Secondly, all concerned agreed to make peace and settle their differences on an approach to be decided by the liaison body, he added.

He said the question of the no-confidence vote would no longer arise now that the issue was resolved, and in fact it was invalid.

Annuar, the Rural Development Minister, said he was happy with the attitude portrayed by all concerned and the outcome of the meeting which brought the issue to an end in a family atmosphere.

However, he said, the report of the investigation committee had shown that there was a problem of specific nature in the division, and this had to be viewed seriously.

A follow-up action would be taken to tackle the problem, he added.

Problem started in the division in the middle of last month when some of its committee members adopted a resolution, unseating its leader, who according to them had supported an independent candidate in the last general election.

Dr Mahathir, also the Kelantan Umno liaison chief, subsequently said he did not support the move, and stressed that the issue should be referred to the party Supreme Council for a decision. -- Bernama

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