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RAZALEIGH HAS STILL TO CONCLUDE TALKS WITH PM

KOTA BAHARU, May 18 (Bernama) -- Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) President Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah today spoke of further meetings with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the question of Malay unity.

He said his earlier talks with the Prime Minister were not conclusive, and he hoped to resume talks following Dr Mahathir's return from his overseas trip.

Addressing a special gathering to commemorate Umno's 50th anniversary, organised by S46, Tengku Razaleigh asked the party membership to offer prayers, that the meeting would bring good results.

Dr Mahathir, the Umno president, left for the United States from Tokyo this morning, after a six-day working visit in the "Land of the Rising Sun."

He and Tengku Razaleigh met twice in seven weeks, and after the second meeting early last week Dr Mahathir told reporters that Tengku Razaleigh was returning to the Umno fold.

Both party leaders also met in Kuala Lumpur, after the Umno Convention held in conjunction with the anniversary celebrations last Saturday when Tengku Razaleigh thanked Dr Mahathir for inviting S46 to the celebrations.

As a result of the meeting, Tengku Razaleigh said S46 and Umno agreed to establish cooperation if there was good rapport, and efforts to enhance relations could be made.

Tengku Razaleigh said he was surprised when PAS opposed the intended S46-Umno cooperation, by making various accusations against S46 when the PAS central leadership had earlier been informed of the move.

He urged PAS leaders, especially Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, not to be arrogant after forming the state government with the help of S46.

He also criticised PAS for publicly saying the state administration could not be carried out smoothly because of palace interference.

Once at an audience PAS had with the Sultan, Tengku Razaleigh said Nik Aziz requested him and the Sultan to attract investments to the state, as PAS had believed that the federal government had prevented investors from coming to Kelantan after the formation of the Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (APU) in 1990.

"Now when the investors have come, he is getting angry...what investment has he brought since ruling the state?" he asked. -- BERNAMA

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