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Razaleigh-Cooperation

S46 PARTICIPATION IN UMNO LIKELY BY YEAR END

KUANTAN, June 2 (Bernama) -- The Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) is likely to join Umno at the end of the year when S46 will hold its general assembly, its President Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said today.

He said the question of joining Umno did not arise, since this was the time for discussion and to explain to S46 members on the cooperation intended with Umno, towards uniting the Malays.

If it was resolved that S46 joined Umno, then en mass decision would be made to take that step. "But this decision has not been taken," he said .

"Should we rush with that decision, perhaps only a few will agree, thus our failure in uniting the Malays," he told reporters after addressing the 50th anniversary of the Malay solidarity move at Jaya Gading, near here.

Tengku Razaleigh said he had visited the various states, including Kelantan, Johor and Pulau Pinang where generally the mandate received from the people was good and was in no way opposed to his efforts in coopting with Umno towards achieving the Malay unity.

"We don't know the methods (of uniting the Malays)...this I will have to discuss with Umno. I cannot dictate what should be done," he said.

He would be meeting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss the intended cooperation when the latter was free to meet him.

Earlier, addressing the function, Tengku Razaleigh said he did not allow the S46 Kelantan Excecutive Councillors to resign, although some had told him they wanted to leave following Kelantan Pas's recent statement that the S46 members should resign.

If Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat did not want any S46 member in the Exco, then he should seek an audience with the Tuanku.

"We will not pull out our men" he said. -- BERNAMA

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