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S46 SUPREME COUNCIL UNANIMOUS ON JOINING UMNO, SAYS RAZALEIGH

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13 (Bernama) -- The Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) Supreme Council has agreed unanimously for the party's members to join Umno in order to reunite the Malays, S46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said today.

"Although the Supreme Council has the mandate, we will not do anything (on joining Umno) until we have obtained the approval of the party general assembly in November," he told a news conference after the council's monthly meeting here.

He said S46 national leaders will continue to visit the grassroots to explain to members the leadership's stand and the outcome of discussions he had with Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"The feedback from the grassroots will be presented to the general assembly for its decision," he said.

"If all the meetings go smoothly, we can then call an EGM (extraordinary general meeting to decide the dissolution of the party) and enable us to join Umno en bloc without any loss in privileges currently enjoyed by Umno members."

Tengku Razaleigh said there were still members confused about the party's wish because they were influenced by various opinions and reports.

He said there is no ulterior motive, self-interest or greed for positions behind S46's wish to join Umno.

The move is based on the fact that Umno is the largest Malay party and capable of uniting the Malays for their future interest and security, he said.

Tengku Razaleigh also said he will consult his legal advisers on any action to be taken against PAS information chief Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman over an allegation that Tengku Razaleigh wanted to rejoin Umno because he had run out of money.

S46 Youth chief Tengku Azlan Sultan Abu Bakar urged Tengku Razaleigh to take the legal action during today's council meeting. -- BERNAMA

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