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S46 TO HAND OVER 200,000 UMNO MEMBERSHIP FORMS ON OCT 9

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah will hand over 200,000 Umno membership forms from S46 members to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 9.

S46 deputy president Datuk Rais Yatim said this would be the first step towards Malay unification to be brought about by the dissolution of S46.

The place and time for the handing over ceremony had yet to be decided, he told reporters after speaking at a Malay Unity lecture in Kubang Kerian, near here, last night.

Rais said S46 has about 400,000 members and the rest would join Umno later.

He urged PAS to give priority to Malay unity apart from its struggle for Islam.

He also said Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat should cooperate with the Sultan of Kelantan to break the stalemate regarding Nik Aziz's wish to drop four S46 members from the state Exco.

As long as this harmonious relationship was not established, S46 Exco members had to hold on to their posts as a matter of principle, he said.

In his speech, Rais said Tengku Razaleigh would continue to speak up on issues of public interest after rejoining Umno.

"His ability and experience in certain fields and the present Umno leadership make good ingredients for unity to bring the Malays to greater heights," he said.

Rais urged the PAS leadership to join Umno in order for true Malay unity to be achieved.

PAS should use its religious knowledge to work together with Umno to strengthen Malay unity for the race to be emulated by others, he added. --

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