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TENGGU RAZALEIGH DISAPPOINTED THAT S46 MEMBERS ARE DISUNITED IN KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, July 4 (Bernama) -- Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said today the party members at grassroots level in Kelantan were disunited because of "instigations from certain quarters".

However, he denied that many members had left the party.

"Even if there are, it's probably not many... I am not worried about the matter," he said on arrival here from Kuala Lumpur for a visit to Kelantan to explain to S46 members the process of merging the party with Umno.

Tengku Razaleigh said he had directed the divisional leaders to update the records of members to determine the actual number of S46 members.

He also said that it was difficult to resolve the problems between S46 and PAS.

As one of the founders of Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (APU) in Kelantan, he regretted that APU had been "broken up by one or two leaders from another party", he said.

Tengku Razaleigh said S46 would not conduct a post-mortem to pinpoint the problems because the party had made a decision which would be announced later.

"The situation is getting worse and if discussions are held at the higher level, there will be a problem for the grassroots level to unite again because the split arose not from S46 but from PAS which had instigated those at the grassroots level.

"We are a small party...I also have no influence or power in Kelantan...the influential people (PAS) should make a decision to remedy the situation," he said.

Tengku Razaleigh also said that he would obtain the views of members before meeting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the party's entry into Umno.

Relations between PAS and S46 had soured of late because of S46's objections to PAS' move to amend the state constitution to limit the powers of the sultan.

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