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TENGGU RAZALEIGH WANTS TO MEET PM AGAIN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 4 (Bernama) -- Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) President, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said he intends to meet Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, as a follow up to the earlier meeting recently.

He said it was to discuss unfinished business.

"I have informed the Prime Minister of my intention and am waiting for a reply," he told reporters after a special meeting of S46 Supreme Council here today.

Both leaders met before the Prime Minister left for an overseas trip middle of last month.

In press statements, both leaders said the matter of Tengku Razaleigh returning to Umno was not discussed, but that they discussed the political and economic future of the Malays.

Tengku Razaleigh said today's meeting was to discuss the current political situation in Kelantan and on his recent meeting with Dr Mahathir.

He briefed council members on his talks with the Prime Minister and they appeared interested in it.

Asked what was discussed at his meeting with the Prime Minister, Tengku Razaleigh said "all worldly matters except those concerning the hereafter and that the next meeting will be on worldly matters that had not been settled."

On the political situation in Kelantan, he said it appeared that Semangat 46 would have to meet the people to explain the amendment issue that would restrict the power of the Sultan as PAS was nightly holding ceramahs on the matter.

He said if the proposed amendments were similar to that made in Parliament in 1993, S46 would not only oppose it but would leave the assembly as they did when the amendments were presented at the Dewan Rakyat.

He said, "If PAS brings the matter Semangat 46 will oppose it as it is our stand and we will await further developments."

It was better for all parties in Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (APU) to hold discussions as to date S46 itself was unaware what was to be amended.

On the position of APU, he said the coalition was a loose organisation and unlawful because when efforts were made to obtain signatures for registration, PAS refused to sign it.

On talks that he would return to the fold of Umno on the date of the 50th anniversary celebrations on May 11, he said: "We have absolutely no plans to join Umno Baru."

"I have been invited and whether I want to attend or not, I will spring a surprise.

"If I am present so be it and if I am not there that means I am not there," Tengku Razaleigh added.

It was up to the Umno leadership to ensure the success of the celebrations.

"We here (S46 headquarters) will hold Umno anniversary celebrations like offering thanksgiving prayers," he said. -- BERNAMA

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