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UMNO HQ SENDS LETTER TO FORMER S46 KELANTAN EXCO MEMBERS TO RESIGN

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- The Umno headquarters has notified the four Kelantan executive councillors who were members of the dissolved Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) of the Umno supreme council's decision that they should resign from their posts immediately.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik told Bernama here today that a letter was sent to the former S46 members, who have joined Umno following the break-up of the pact formed by S46 and PAS under the Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah (APU) after the last general election, by courier service on Saturday.

The four are Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Rozali Isohak, Nik Mustapa Nik Loding, Kpt (B) Mohamad Nor Ahmad and Daud Jaafar.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who announced the decision at the end of the first Umno supreme council meeting after the party election, on Thursday, said that this was because a coalition government had not been set up between Umno and PAS.

In Kota Baharu, Rozali said that he and the three state exco members never intended to defy the decision of the top leadership when they did not relinquish their posts up to now.

"The question of our reluctance to resign from our posts does not arise. In fact, we are prepared to do so at any time but we need an official letter to enable us to seek an audience with the Sultan to inform him of the matter," he said at his residence.

Sabbaruddin, who made its first official visit to the Umno headquarters following his appointment, also said that he had planned a programme to meet secretaries of the various Umno divisions as well as the Umno Youth and Wanita Umno movements in the peninsula on Dec 13 and state Umno executive secretaries on Dec 20.

He would travel to Sabah to meet the secretaries of the Umno divisions in the state on Jan 2, to cut costs.

Sabbaruddin, who is Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister, said that he would also take the opportunity to meet members of the Umno Clubs when abroad.

"It is to brief them on the developments in Umno and in the country," he said.

He said that such information was vital for Malaysian students overseas so that they could keep abreast of developments.

Commenting on his appointment, he said that many people were caught by surprise as there had been so much speculation regarding the post. --

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