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UMNO LEADERS OUTSIDE KELANTAN ARE BANNED FROM UNITY RALLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- Umno leaders from outside Kelantan are banned from the Malay unity rally to be held in Kota Baharu tomorrow, to prevent it from being used as a campaign platform to get support for the Umno election next week.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said the decision was taken by the party supreme council, after taking into account that the event was being held for Kelantan Malays.

"We have decided that this event is only for those in Kelantan...all others like ministers, supreme council members and menteri besar from other states are not allowed to attend the rally," he told reporters at Angkasapuri here.

"Umno leaders or supreme council members from Kelantan can attend the rally, but others from outside Kelantan are not allowed, as we fear that it will be used as a campaign platform," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will address the rally, being jointly organised by Parti Semangat Melayu 46 (S46) and Kelantan Umno.

S46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah will also address the rally at the Sekolah Kebangsaan Padang Garong field at 4pm.

Mohamed, who is Information Minister, said Radio and Television Malaysia (RTM) will provide live telecast.

S46 will hold a special extraordinary general meeting here on Sunday to obtain the mandate from delegates to dissolve the party, paving the way for its members to join Umno en bloc.

Razali is expected to hand over about 200,000 application forms to join Umno on Oct 8, a day before the four-day party general assembly begins. --

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