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UMNO NEEDS TO STUDY FIRST BEFORE SUPPORTING PAS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 4 (Bernama) -- Umno needs to study the proposed amendments to the Kelantan Constitution which will limit the power of the Sultan before making its stand either to support PAS or otherwise in the Kelantan State Assembly.

Kelantan Umno Liaison Committee Deputy Chairman Datuk Annuar Musa said today Umno needed to study the amendments first before making its decision.

"We do not know what we are going to support. We need to study the amendments to the constitution first ... the amendments have to be seen from the angle of how they are to be made, methodology and intention to ensure they were in line with Umno's struggles," he told reporters after a meeting with Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The meeting took place after the Umno Supreme Council meeting here which was also attended by Kelantan Liaison Committee members.

Kelantan's Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat could meet Dr Mahathir at any time to brief him on the proposed amendments to the constitution, he said when asked if Umno was waiting for PAS to invite them to discuss the matter.

Dr Mahathir when met later said the meeting was to brief him on developments in Kelantan including the proposed amendments to the state constitution and also the crisis between Pas and Parti Melayu Semangat 46.

"They just briefed me on what is happening in Kelantan ... that's all," said Dr Mahathir and added no decision was made at the meeting. -- BERNAMA

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