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UMNO WANTS TO KNOW PAS' MOTIVE, SAYS ANWAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- Umno wants to know PAS' true motive and position regarding the proposal for a coalition government in Kelantan, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said today.

He said that as stated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, it would be difficult if PAS imposed conditions.

"But as stated by the party president, the spirit for cooperation is there and we adopt an open stand," he told reporters after opening an international seminar on "Gas Information Exchange in the Western Area" at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir said Umno could have cooperation with PAS to form a coalition government in Kelantan but PAS should not force Umno to follow its wishes.

The prime minister also said that the proposal for the coalition government should come from PAS and not Umno.

Anwar said: "As stated by the prime minister, first we want to know their motive, the true position and what conditions they are imposing.

"If conditions are imposed, then it is difficult," said Anwar, who is also Umno deputy president.

He reiterated his statement in Kota Kinabalu that the proposal should be discussed within Umno itself. -- BERNAMA

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