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FORMER S46 MEMBERS TOLD TO SUBMIT REPORTS IF APPLICATIONS REJECTED

MARANG, April 28 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Umno Deputy Chief Datuk Annuar Musa said today former members of the dissolved Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) who claimed they have been rejected by Umno branches should report the matter before May 1.

"They can furnish the name of the branches where they sent their applications to me or the state liaison committee," he told reporters after visiting Kampung Tebakang, Marang here.

Annuar said he would brief party secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik on May 1 on the position of former S46 members.

He also said the crisis in PAS over differences in opinion on the approach to the party's struggle especially in Kelantan, had placed party leaders in a dilemma.

He said the dilemma faced by the party was more evident after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir was given recognition by Muslim countries for his immense contributions to Islam.

"The confidence of PAS followers has begun to crumble after Dr Mahathir was given the recognition by Islamic countries which climaxed with the Al Malik Faisal Award for his contributions to Islam by Saudi Arabia," he said.

He said the award meant that PAS could no longer dispute the Prime Minister's contribution to Islam.

The award was a slap on PAS' face because it opened the eyes of the Kelantan people that the Government of Mecca (Saudi Arabia) as they called it, gave the recognition to a leader coming from Umno.

Umno's approach had been moderate and friendly to other parties to protect the solidarity of the Malay party and Islam, he said.

He said in its 50 years of existence, the Umno approach had not changed. -- BERNAMA

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