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Mahathir-declaration

MAHATHIR ACCEPTS SEMERAK DECLARATION

PASIR PUTEH, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Barisan Nasional (BN) today presented the "Semerak Declaration" to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, outlining the party's determination to recapture Kelantan from Pas.

"Semerak" also stands for "Sedia Merampas Kelantan" (ready to capture Kelantan). The seven-point declaration, approved by the Umno Kelantan convention, expresses the determination of the state Barisan Nasional (BN) to return Kelantan to Umno.

Kelantan BN Chief Datuk Annuar Musa, who handed over the declaration to Dr Mahathir, read it out at the 10,000 strong rally in conjunction with the closing of the two-day convention today at Sekolah Menengah Cherang Ruku, Semerak, here.

Dr Mahathir is Kelantan BN chairman and Kelantan Umno Liaison Chief.

The declaration pledges, among others, to give utmost importance to party's unity, to strengthen party's machinery at all levels, to go all out to promote Umno's struggles to the people, to strive to make Kelantan a model state, to promote a new political culture, to work with all to bring progress to the people and to sacrifice time and energy to realise the objective to recapture Kelantan.

The convention which began yesterday also unanimously approved "Kelantan Future Agenda" which laid out the commitment of state Umno and BN to bring progress to the people in line with the Semerak Declaration.

The agenda covers 10 challenges which among others touched on the need for a political reformation within the state BN as well as a change of attitude among the component parties. -- BERNAMA

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