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RAZALEIGH CONFIDENT OF BN VICTORY IN PULAI CHONDONG

MACHANG, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah is confident the Barisan Nasional (BN) will win the Pulai Chondong state by-election for which polling is on Monday.

He said there was no reason why the BN could lose in the by-election as all former members of the dissolved Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) in the constituency had joined Umno and promised to bring victory to the BN candidate, Yusoff Hamzah.

"Now they are Umno members and there is no more S46 members...they work well as a team," the former S46 president told reporters after speaking at a campaign ceramah at Kampung Tok Bok here last night.

The by-election, caused by the death of Kapt (R) Mohd Nor Ahmad of the BN on Dec 4, is a straight fight between the BN's Yusoff and Zulkefli Mamat of PAS.

Tengku Razaleigh said he only worried that the BN majority might not increase because most of the constituency's voters now outside Kelantan could not return home since polling will be done on a working day.

There are also those who would want to send their children to school as the day coincides with the opening of the new school term, he said.

In his speech earlier, Tengku Razaleigh advised former S46 members to ignore talk that they had been deceived into dissolving their party by Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"The question of being tricked does not arise as Dr Mahathir has promised to carry out what he had said, including to accept all former S46 members into Umno," he said.

He said about 100,000 more Umno membership application forms would be handed to the Prime Minister, in addition to the 200,000 forms submitted before.

This showed that there were still many more former S46 members who want to join Umno, he said.

Other Umno leaders who spoke at the ceramah were Kelantan Umno deputy chief Datuk Annuar Musa, Kelantan Umno information chief Datuk Ibrahim Ali and Umno Youth national leader Datuk Zahid Hamidi.

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