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SOME UMNO DIVISIONS AGAINST FORMER S46 MEMBERS, SAYS KU LI

KUALA LUMPUR, May 15 (Bernama) -- Former Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah has not discounted the possibility of certain Umno divisions delaying and restricting the entry of former S46 members in the party.

It was possible, he said, that certain Umno leaders at the lower level were worried that their position could be affected with former S46 members joining the party.

"The problem is that the lower echelon leaders are not confident of their own position, and they fear the entry of former S46 members would affect their position," he said when asked to comment on the thousands of applications from former S46 members being rejected by Umno.

Tengku Razaleigh, who is patron of Nusa Mahsuri Badminton Club of Selangor and Kuala Lumpur, said this after receiving the club's logo at his residence here today.

Until now, some 65,357 of the 197,528 applications from former S46 members had been rejected as they were incomplete.

Tengku Razaleigh said Umno divisional leaders had nothing to fear from former S46 members as he had advised them against clamouring for party positions.

On the incomplete applications which had to be rejected, Tengku Razaleigh said he was informed the applications were already referred to former S46 leaders for verification.

He said he first knew of the rejection from the media, but he was certain that eventually all of them would be accepted into the Umno fold.

"This is why we have dissolved our party, based on the agreement I had with (Umno president Datuk Seri) Dr Mahathir Mohamad that all S46 members would be accepted," he added. -- BERNAMA

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