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Stop brainwashing voters, Kelantan Umno tells Pas

PASIR PUTEH, Fri. - Kelantan Umno has called on Pas to stop brainwashing Semerak voters into believing it was behind a move to stop Federal development projects from being implemented in the State.

Its deputy liaison chief Datuk Annuar Musa said it was irresponsible of Pas to make such an accusation when it knew there was no such thing.

He was asked to respond to a statement by Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat two days ago that the State Umno was behind the move to stop the Federal Government from carrying out projects in Kelantan.

"Both the Federal Government and Kelantan Umno are led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Hence, it is impossible for the Prime Minister to direct Federal projects to be carried out in the State and at the same time order them stopped in his capacity as State Umno chief," he told reporters after inspecting the Barisan Nasional election machinery today.

Annuar said Kelantan Umno had, without fail, supported the Federal Government's development policy in the State even though Kelantan came under Pas' rule.

"We had at two State Umno conventions held a couple of years ago stated our stand on the need for the Federal Government to carry out development in the State for the sake of the people," he added.

Kelantan Umno, he said, had openly supported the RM2 billion joint venture petro-chemical project between KUB Holdings Berhad, an Umno-owned company, and Keloil Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of the Kelantan Economic Development Corporation.

Annuar, however, said it was the Pas Government which did not cooperate with the Federal Government on development projects in the State.

"One clear example is the State Government's refusal to allow the Youth and Sports Ministry to set up a youth training centre even though an application had been forwarded seven years ago."

He said the State Government wanted the Ministry to hand over the project to the former after it had been completed, a request that was rejected by the Federal Government.

Annuar also said BN would come up with a special report on Aug 5 to explain to the voters in Semerak why the coalition must challenge Pas.

Annuar, who is the Rural Development Minister, meanwhile chided Nik Aziz for remarks he said were aimed at making the people in the State hate Kelantan Umno.

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