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ANWAR CANNOT WIN IN KUBANG PASU - OSMAN AROFF

JITRA, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- Kubang Pasu Umno division deputy chief Datuk Osman Aroff said today Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will not get support if he challenges Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kubang Pasu in the next general election.

He said the former deputy prime minister would be defeated as the entire Umno machinery would give full support Dr Mahathir.

" Anwar can contest anywhere he wants but if he stands here (Kubang Pasu), he will not win," he told reporters after chairing the division's special meeting, here.

Anwar said in Kuala Terengganu yesterday that he was considering contesting against Dr Mahathir in Kubang Pasu because of the strong support he had received when he held a ceramah in Baling recently.

Dr Mahathir is the Member of Parliament for Kubang Pasu and the division's chief.

Osman said the division expressed unanimous support for Dr Mahathir's action to sack Anwar from the government and the Supreme Council's decision to expel him from Umno.

He said the decisions taken at the meeting were conveyed to the Kubang Pasu Barisan Nasional component party leaders who also voiced their support.

Present at the news conference were MCA, Gerakan and MIC divisional leaders as well leaders of the Thai community in Kubang Pasu.

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