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I may contest if there is support, says Razaleigh

KOTA BARU, Thurs. - Former Semangat 46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah today said he would consider contesting for posts in Umno if there was support from the members and the party's leadership.

However, he said he has yet to consider the matter.

"I have not thought about it. It all depends on Umno. If the party feels that I can still be of use, I'll consider (contesting)," he told reporters when met at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport.

Tengku Razaleigh, who is Gua Musang MP, said this when asked to comment on the possibility of him being one of the candidates to vie for the Umno deputy president's post in the party's election next year.

Asked on the possibility of Umno divisions in Kelantan nominating him for the post, he said:

"I can't say because I have no plans (to contest) yet ... But if there is such a move, I'll think about it."

Commenting on Pas proposal that the Kelantan Umno nominates him for the number two post in Umno, Tengku Razaleigh said it was intended to cause a split among Umno members.

On his relations with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he said it was good.

"With the problems facing the country, we should all give our full support to Dr Mahathir and not create more problems as this will only hinder efforts for a speedier economic recovery," he added.

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