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KEDAH UMNO WANTS NO CONTEST FOR TOP TWO POSTS NEXT YEAR

ALOR SETAR, June 7 (Bernama) -- Kedah Umno wants no contest for the top two posts in the party's election next year as it feels the present leadership is still capable of leading the party.

Its chairman Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said the state liaison committee unanimously agreed on this at its meeting last night and would table a motion on it at the party's general assembly in the middle of this month.

In fact, such contest should be avoided for a few more terms to further strengthen the party to face the greater problem of economic downturn, he said here today.

The motion, if passed by the assembly, would see President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy President Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim retaining their respective posts for the third consecutive term.

Sanusi was confident that the motion would receive the full backing of the delegates.

"As such, there is no need for us to pit deputy president against the president to pressure the latter to withdraw," he said.

Sanusi said that when it was to do so Dr Mahathir would withdraw but until then Umno members should accept the fact that he still commanded support of the majority.

He said the no contest motion did not mean that there was no democratic process in Umno.

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