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Kelantan reaches agreement on leaders

KOTA BARU, Sat. - All 14 Umno divisions in Kelantan have decided on their leadership hierarchy to ensure there is no contest for the top posts at the annual delegates' meetings which began yesterday.

State Umno deputy liaison chief Datuk Annuar Musa said the divisions included Kubang Kerian and Tumpat, both of which had faced problems.

The problem in Kubang Kerian arose following the supreme council's decision to disqualify its chief, Mat Zin Awang, from contesting, while in Tumpat, it was over Mansor Salleh's decision to relinquish his post as divisional leader.

"It has been agreed that Kubang Kerian deputy leader Tuan Hashim Tuan Yaacob take over as the division's head from Mat Zin and Salor Assemblyman Ahmad Rusli Iberahim step in as the deputy.

"As for Tumpat, the top post, which has been vacated by Mansor, has been given to Datuk Kamaruddin Jaafar, who was previously the division's vice-head."

Annuar said Mansor was however, given the post of the Tumpat deputy leader.

Annuar was speaking to reporters after opening the Peringat Umno Youth and Wanita delegates' meetings at the Kota Baru Polytechnic today.

Annuar, who is also Peringat Umno divisional leader, said he was happy that all Umno divisions in Kelantan had heeded the advice given by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the top divisional posts should not be contested to avoid a rift among Umno members in the State.

Dr Mahathir is also the State Umno liaison chairman.

The 'no contest' advice by Dr Mahathir during his visit to Kelantan on Jan 26 was endorsed by the Umno Supreme Council last month.

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