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DON'T COMMENT ON NO-CONTEST DECISION, KELANTAN UMNO MEMBERS TOLD

KOTA BHARU, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Umno members should stop commenting on the call for all division heads in the state to be returned unopposed, state Umno liaison committee deputy chief Datuk Annuar Musa said today.

He said issuing statements that went against the proposal by the committee's chairman, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, would make the situation worse.

"Instead, everyone should work together for the proposal to be accepted in the interest of party unity, he told reporters at his residence here.

Annuar was commenting on Umno Supreme Council member Tan Sri Hussein Ahmad's statement yesterday that he wished to contest the post of Rantau Panjang division head in March because of weaknesses in the division.

On Monday, Kelantan Umno, at a meeting chaired by Dr Mahathir, decided that there should be no contest for all 14 division posts in all divisions in the state to prevent splits.

Meanwhile, Kelantan Umno information chief Datuk Zainal Abidin Abdul Kadir said today there were good reasons for contests to be allowed for the divisional head post in at least three divisions in the state.

This include unfair treatment against a section of the membership, he said when expressing support for Hussein's decision to contest.

Without naming the three divisions, Zainal Abidin said divisional heads who did not command support should withdraw and pass over the post to others to ensure Umno continued to be respected. -- BERNAMA

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