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Reformasi-Absent

NO SHOW BY "REFORMASI" REPRESENTATIVE AT REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- No "Reformasi" representative showed up at the Federal Territory office of the Registrar of Societies today in connection with registering the movement as a political party.

One of the movement's leader, Abdul Malek Hussain, was quoted in a newspaper as saying yesterday that he would go to the registrar's office today to "look into procedures and requirements".

However, reporters and photographers who waited at the FT registrar's office here since 10.30am went home disappointed when no representative of the reform movement came until closing time at 1.15am.

A check with the Selangor office in Shah Alam showed no one from the movement came there too.

FT Assistant Registrar of Societies Lau Chi Swee confirmed that no "Reformasi" representative showed up at the FT office.

"I don't know (if it was the same) at other branche offices because this office only receives application bearing FT addresses," he told reporters.

He said the branch offices were responsible for processing applications before forwarding them to the registrar for approval.

Abdul Malek could not be reached today.

The "Reformasi" movement was initiated by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim after he was removed from the government and Umni in early September.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently hit out at supporters of the movement for their involvement in street demonstrations, saying it would be better for them to form a party and contest in elections.

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