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Razaleigh-Anwar

NO WAY ANWAR CAN EVER BE LIKE PM, SAYS RAZALEIGH

IPOH, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- The people will not allow Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to be defeated in his Kubang Pasu parliamentary constituency in the next general election especially by someone like Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim who is involved in various cases, said former president of Parti Melayu Semangat 46 Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said today.

He said Dr Mahathir had served well not only his constituents but also the country and the world.

"...no way someone like Anwar who is involved in many cases could ever be more influential than the PM, and it is not possible that the PM will be defeated," he said when asked to comment on Anwar's intention to contest in the parliamentary constituency in the next election.

Speaking to reporters after attending a luncheon organised by Ipoh Timur Umno Head Datuk Yahaya Shafie, here, he said no one could be assured of a 100 per cent support in any constituency as there was bound to be opposition since Malaysia practised parliamentary democracy.

But, he said he was confident that Dr Mahathir would win easily in defending his seat in the next election.

On the case of two men sentenced by the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court for six months each after pleading guilty to committing an act of gross indecency by allowing Anwar to sodomise them, Razaleigh said that whatever denial Anwar made the people would believe the court more.

Razaleigh also did not rule out the possibility of contesting for the deputy president's post which fell vacant following Anwar's sacking in Umno elections next year.

"I'll wait and see. I have contested many times and if Umno members want me to, I'll think about it," he said.

But for now, he said he had no such plan.

Also present were Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Ibrahim Ali and former Umno Youth leader Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik.

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