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RESOLVE KELANTAN DIVISIONAL POLLS ISSUE, SAYS IBRAHIM ALI

PASIR PUTEH, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Umno supreme council member Datuk Ibrahim Ali said today the divisional elections issue in Kelantan must be resolved immediately through consensus based on consultations and solidarity down to the grassroots.

Umno members should focus attention on the more vital issues at present to avoid a split within the party in its move to recapture the state from PAS.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's wish for no contest of divisional posts during next month's divisional elections was purely to avoid the split, Ibrahim told reporters here yesterday.

Ibrahim regretted that there had been allegations that the no-contest move was only a ploy to safeguard the interest of certain leaders to remain in office.

"Umno members must be aware that should there be a split in Umno, it will be extremely difficult to wrest control of the state administration from PAS," he added.-- BERNAMA

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