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State Umno's election dry run

PORT DICKSON, Mon. - Kelantan Umno will hold an election dry-run in August to check its machinery for the general election, State deputy liaison chief Datuk Annuar Musa said today.

He said it would enable the party to gear itself for a general election scheduled in two years.

Annuar, who is Rural Development Minister, said Kelantan Umno was conducting 220 workshops for some 8,000 election workers before embarking on a voter registration exercise next month.

Speaking after visiting a development programme for the very poor in Kuala Lukut here, he said the early preparation was necessary as Kelantan Umno was determined to wrest the State Pas.

"We have been organising weekly meetings of the liaison committee as well as monthly ceramah as we are very serious about getting back Kelantan from the opposition," he added.

On Kelantan Umno's call for the resignation of Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat, he said the State had not progressed under his leadership.

He said Pas should replace Nik Aziz with Datuk Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman, the Deputy Menteri Besar, whom Umno believed could govern Kelantan better.

"Nik Aziz can instead concentrate on his role as head of the Pas consultative committee," he added.

Annuar also said Kelantan Umno would submit a 10-point action plan passed during a three-day convention to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is Umno president and Kelantan Umno liaison chief, on June 10 at the Prime Minister's Department.

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