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BN'S STRENGTH FORTIFIED WITH RECONCILIATION, SAYS SAMY VELLU

PORT KLANG, July 23 (Bernama) -- The reconciliation between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Kelantan Umno liasion chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah will further strengthen the Barisan Nasional (BN) especially in Kelantan, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

Samy Vellu said that he felt very happy to see the political feud between them come to an end, paving the way for both leaders to concentrate on their work in bringing prosperity to the state and the nation.

"When I read the newspapers today, I felt very relieved and happy for them," he told reporters at a news conferencce after visiting the newly-completed RM306.5 million link road from here to the West Port in Pulau Indah, here.

He was asked to comment on the initiative of both leaders to extend their apology to each other for their past mistakes at a historic meeting at the newly-opened Diamond Puteri Hotel in Kota Baharu, yesterday.

Both shook hands firmly and said they will forget the past and close ranks to bring the nation to greater heights.

Samy Vellu also congratulated Dr Mahathir for appointing Tengku Razaleigh as the Kelantan Umno chief.

He said Tengku Razaleigh's appointment as the Kelantan Umno chief was very meaningful, being a local from the Kelantan royalty.

Since the feud between them had been put to rest, Samy Vellu said Tengku Razaleigh could continue with his task to capture the state from PAS with a very clear mind.

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