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EX-PAS MEMBERS TO HELP OUT BN IN POLLS CAMPAIGN

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- Former Terengganu PAS consultative council secretary Haji Ghazali Haji Abbas tonight promised to gather ex-PAS members to help Barisan Nasional (BN) campaign in the general election.

Ghazali also said he was writing a book to expose wrongdoings of PAS leaders.

"The people have long be misled by PAS leaders... everyone must cooperate to explain this," he told a special gathering held in the run-up to the 53rd Umno General Assembly tomorrow.

The three-day assembly will be opened by Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Ghazali, also a former PAS state assemblyman, said political parties and religion were two different entities contrary to what claimed by certain PAS leaders that " party is religion and religion is party."

Meanwhile, former Besut PAS activist Omar Khalid said he quit the party due to the inconsistent attitude of PAS leaders particularly in deciding on religious rulings.

He said they changed religious rulings to their whims and fancies to suit their political interests.

He also said insulting and branding Umno leaders as infidels by PAS leaders were a serious offence in Islam.

Some 5,000 Umno members attended the gathering which started at 9pm.

Among them were Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, party secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob and supreme council members.

They sat cross-legged on the floor among the audience to listen to the ceramah chaired by Umno Committee on Defamation chairman Datuk Ibrahim Ali.

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