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Polls-Abu Hassan

S'GOR BN UNPERTURBED BY OPPOSITION ALLIANCE

SHAH ALAM, July 4 (Bernama) -- The Selangor Barisan Nasional (BN) is unperturbed by the possibility of it taking on an opposition alliance in straight fights in the coming general election, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar said.

"We'll wait and see whether they can really unite under an opposition front and enter into straight fights with us in the coming polls," he said.

Abu Hassan, who is state BN chairman, said the Selangor BN was confident it could face whichever or how many opposition parties in the coming polls.

He was speaking to reporters after closing the state-level 27th Rela Day celebrations here.

Abu Hassan was asked about Selangor DAP chairman Ronnie Liu's statement that the DAP and other opposition parties in the state would take on the BN in straight fights in the coming polls.

He also said that there was a lesson to be learnt from national laureate Prof Datuk Shahnnon Ahmad's public apology to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for discrediting the Prime Minister in his book "Shit".

"If an intellectual like Shahnnon Ahmad could be manipulated and made use of for selfish ends of others, what more the ordinary people. That's why we must be very wary," he added.

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