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Annuar-Turncoats

KELANTAN UMNO DIVISIONS ASKED TO NAME TURNCOATS

BACHOK, Dec 17 (Bernama) -- All the 14 Umno divisions in Kelantan have been directed to submit the names of members who supported the opposition in last month's general election, Kelantan Umno deputy chief Datuk Annuar Musa said today.

He said the divisions should draw up the lists of turncoats and submit them to the state Umno liaison committee for action to be taken.

"We do not want the lists of those who stabbed the party in the back to be drawn up by individuals as this could lead to victimisation," he said.

Annuar told reporters this after presenting scholarship and food aid from the Yayasan Kemiskinan Kelantan (YKK) to widow Zabidah Awang of Kampung Aur Telong here.

Zabidah, whose husband Maliki Zakaria died of liver cancer recently, has seven children, including five who are schooling.

Annuar said the state Barisan Nasional (BN) submitted a report to BN chairman and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad a few days ago following a study on the party's defeat in Kelantan.

One of the factors identified for BN's defeat was the issue on injuries suffered by former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while in police custody, said Annuar who is state BN chairman.

He said the study also found that PAS and Umno were about equally influential but PAS had exploited the internal problems in Umno that were caused by a leadership crisis.

In the election, BN won only two of 43 state seats and one of 14 parliamentary constituencies in Kelantan.

Annuar, a YKK founder, said the foundation would continue to help the poor but it would give aid to fewer people now that its financial resources had been affected by Umno's defeat.

He said the foundation had spent RM2 million to help the poor so far.

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