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KELANTAN UMNO LEADERS HAPPY OVER RAZALEIGH'S INCLUSION IN MT MEETINGS

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Umno Secretary Datuk Ahmad Shahibuddin Mohamed Noor today welcomed the inclusion of the State Party Chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah in meetings of the Umno Supreme Council.

He said the move by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to include Tengku Razaleigh in meetings of the supreme council was very much appreciated.

"We are thankful to the Prime Minister for this move which will no doubt strengthen the State Umno," he said.

By attending meetings of the Supreme Council, Tengku Razaleigh could play an even more effective role in strengthening Kelantan Umno and fostering closer links with the party leadership.

Dr Mahathir after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting here last night announced that Tengku Razaleigh would sit at future meetings of the council to keep abreast of election preparations and other party matters.

Kelantan Barisan Nasional (BN) Secretary Datuk Mohamed Ariffin Abdul Hamid said the move by the party president reflected the leadership's confidence in Tengku Razaleigh.

"Kelantan Umno members are now more confident of facing PAS in the next general election," he added.

Tengku Razaleigh's presence at Umno Supreme Council meetings would provide a direct link between the people of Kelantan and the Federal Government, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali said.

He said Tengku Razaleigh ought to attend the supreme council meetings as he is a former Umno-vice president with wide experience.

In BALING, Kedah, Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said it was most appropriate for Tengku Razaleigh to attend meetings of the Umno Supreme Council.

He said it would not be in order for the State Umno Liaison Committee chief not to attend Umno Supreme Council meetings where party policies were made and directions set.

"I think it is a very apt decision and is a big boost to Kelantan Umno and I say a big thank you to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," Annuar added.

In KUALA LUMPUR, Wanita Umno Chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman in welcoming Tengku Razaleigh's presence at Umno Supreme Council meetings said "he is so charismatic and is held in high esteem by the Kelantan people."

Tengku Razaleigh was well versed with the history of Kelantan politics, she said in a statement.

She expressed confidence that Tengku Razaleigh would actively implement all strategies planned by Umno and the BN to wrest Kelantan from PAS.

Wanita Umno Malaysia would work with Tengku Razaleigh to channel new strategies to the Kelantan Wanita Umno, she added.

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