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KELANTAN UMNO WILL NOT QUESTION PM'S CHOICE OF CANDIDATES

KOTA BAHARU, July 22 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Umno will not question Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision on party candidates for the coming general election.

State Umno liaison chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said Dr Mahathir would obviously consider all aspects before deciding on the candidates and Kelantan Umno would fully endorse the list.

"We have to follow the prime minister's advice as Umno president. We abide by party discipline, otherwise how are we going to face the enemy," he told reporters at the Sultan Ismail Petra airport here today.

He was there to receive Dr Mahathir on arrival for a two-day working visit to Kelantan.

Reporters approached him on Dr Mahathir's reminder that component parties of the governing Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition should not later question the choice of BN election candidates once a decision was made.

"We hope once the list is decided, everyone will accept it. Because of this spirit we won past elections," said Tengku Razaleigh, who is also Gua Musang Umno division chief.

Tengku Razaleigh however did not discount the possibility of dissatisfaction arising from the party president's decision on the candidates.

He said there was bound to be dissatisfaction given that there would be individuals out to promote themselves or their groups.

"We can't rule this out as this is democracy. But once the party chief makes the decision, we have to accept it and work for the party," he added.

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