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NATIONAL LEADERS NEVER ARROGANT - TAJOL ROSLI

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- National leaders including Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad have never displayed arrogance in administrating and developing the country, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali said today.

The leaders were also not materialistic as most of them had humble beginnings, he said.

"Some of our leaders are the children of rubber tappers, bullock-cart pushers, headmasters and taxi drivers," he said when launching the Family Unity Carnival organised by the Cheras Umno division.

Tajol Rosli said the prime minister's official residence in Putrajaya, the new federal administrative capital, was not built for Dr Mahathir personally but for the prime minister who administered the nation.

He said talk by PAS that it would auction off the official residence if it came to power was improper because Putrajaya was the pride of the nation, having been designed and built by Malaysians themselves.

Tajol Rosli, who is a member of the Umno Supreme Council, said PAS' attitude towards Putrajaya showed that its leaders were incapable of appreciating something of high value to the people.

He also said that the pact among four opposition parties -- PAS, DAP, Keadialn and Parti Rakyat Malaysia -- would not remain for long as the parties did not share a common ideology.

On the carnival, Tajol Rosli said all Umno divisions should organise such programmes as they would help to foster unity among party members.

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