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NO HINT SO FAR FROM TOP LEADERS, SAYS TOP CIVIL SERVANT

ALOR SETAR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali said today no top leader has so far hinted that he will be a candidate in the General Election.

"As long as there is nothing in black and white I consider all this talk as hypothetical," said Halim who appeared taken aback when reporters asked him whether he would be a candidate in the General Election.

"I always see the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) to discuss administrative issues and the PM has never mentioned this matter to me," he said.

Halim said he was only an ordinary member of a political party and held no posts in it.

"Today I am still holding a position in the Government and I came here in my capacity as the Chief Secretary to the Government. I am bound by the ruling that senior government officers cannot be active in politics."

Earlier Halim launched the Quality Day of the Muda Agricultural Development Authority.

Halim who hails from Kampung Lubok, Tunjang, Kedah said he frequently returned to the state to see his relatives and also on official duties.

His two-year contract with the Government would expire in about nine to 10 months.

Replying to a question, Halim said he could terminate his contract before its expiry.

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