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PAS CARES FOR DAP, SAYS TENGKU RAZALEIGH

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- PAS' willingness to drop the Islamic state slogan from the opposition manifesto shows that its leaders are championing only for their self interest and are willing to collaborate with the DAP, said Kelantan Umno Liaison head Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

He said PAS leaders were now more concerned with the pact with the DAP to achieve their own objective to the extent that they were willing to foresake the party's fundamental cause to uphold the sanctity of Islam.

"I want to ask the people in PAS whether they agree with the decision taken by their leaders to drop the Islamic state just because they want to collaborate with DAP," he told reporters here today.

DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang said yesterday PAS and other members of the opposition pact including Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) had agreed not to include the slogan on the formation of an Islamic state in the opposition pact's manifesto in the coming general election.

Tengku Razaleigh said the latest move by PAS proved that its leaders were willing to change their stand and were more prepared to be the puppet for DAP.

"Is the DAP more important than the cause of Islam? Can we still hold on to the struggles that PAS claimed it was championing for all this while? Is PAS lying to its members and the people in the country by promising to form an Islamic nation?" he said.

Tengku Razaleigh expressed confidence that PAS supporters particularly the people in Kelantan were disappointed by the latest development because it involved the struggles of the party which claimed to practise leadership guided by the ulamas.

He also said that the opposition were running out of issues and were desperate to the extent that they tried to discredit the government by alleging that former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had been poisoned while in prison.

He described the moves by the opposition to run down the government including using the courts as a forum to highlight their political struggles as an extremism.

"Anyone acting in an irresponsible manner must be prepared to face the risks," he said.

Tengku Razaleigh also challenged the opposition to resolve the current political problems through the democratic process, that is, the general election.

He also said that opposition parties were now capitalising on the Anwar case as major campaign materials to gain sympathy from the people to support their cause after the Barisan Nasional (BN) government acted efficiently to overcome the country's economic crisis.

"The opposition will try to raise whatever issue they can dig up because when someone is used to playing drama, he will create the drama, and they will use anything for their political cause," he said.

Tengku Razaleigh also agreed with the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the present scenario was conducive for holding the general election.

"The situation keeps improving, the economy is recovering and unity in Umno is growing stronger, I feel the situation is good and conducive for the general election," he added.

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