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PAS DEVOID OF RESOURCES- KHALIL

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14 (Bernama) -- PAS has become devoid of issues and resources and is now raising absurd matters such as taking Perlis out of Malaysia and auctioning Putrajaya, Umno Secretary General Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today.

PAS had been holding too many ceramahs and was running out of ideas and capital to bank on in its election campaign and so was now dwelling on such absurdities, he said.

"We cannot joke about such things. How can you take out any part of Malaysia out of the country. How can we tolerate things like these," he told reporters at Angkasapuri.

Khalil, who is Information Minister, said PAS would make all types of pledges now as it knew it would never be able to form the Government and so would not have to fulfil the pledges.

"PAS can pledge anything such as withdrawing Perlis from Malaysia, selling off Putrajaya and it forgets that there is also a mosque in Putrajaya. Surely it does not want to auction the mosque as well or perhaps it does not know what is there in Putrajaya," he said.

He also urged the authorities to take appropriate action against people discrediting the country's leaders and calling for the assassination of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Perhaps initially they were looking for sensation but when it is taped and distributed to thousands....this is serious as there are all types of people and we cannot allow this," he said.

Khalil also did not believe that the allocation of seats among PAS, the DAP and Keadilan Nasional on the ratio of 48:48:48 would become a reality.

"This is not very convincing in view of the voter composition in each constituency. We cannot draw an outline....one third here one third there and so on," he said.

They were merely trying to show that they had reached an agreement just because the Barisan Nasional had stated they could not reach one, he added.

Khalil also hoped that a body which could represent all those involved in the film industry could be set up so as to facilitate discussions with the authorities.

He also wanted those involved in the film industry to specialise in this field without filming for Television as well, as the focus was different.

Khalil wanted film producers to consider filming as an investment and also should take the initiative to get financial support from various sources.

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