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TENGGU RAZALEIGH DISMISSES TALK OF POLITICAL APPOINTMENT

GUA MUSANG, June 14 (Bernama) -- Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said today he is not aware of any move to appoint him the Kelantan Umno chief despite fresh rumours to this effect.

The former Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) president said he had not met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss the matter.

"This (kind of) rumour will be spread by people fond of spreading rumours. I am in the dark," he told reporters after the opening of a palm oil mill by the Sultan of Kelantan here.

Dr Mahathir is the Umno president and Kelantan Umno liaison committee chairman.

Talk has surfaced again that Tengku Razaleigh, who is Gua Musang Umno division chief, would be given the post although he had repeatedly ruled out the possibility of him taking up the appointment.

Tengku Razaleigh, a former Finance Minister, also said there were clear signs that the country's economy was recovering, and no one could deny this positive development.

"Not only was the government bond offer well received but shares that previously plummeted are now hunted by investors...if they are not confident, they would not have bought the shares," he said.

He said other indicators of economic recovery were the government's award of special payment to civil servants and the increase in work opportunities.

Tengku Razaleigh said this when asked to comment on opposition allegations that the Barisan Nasional (BN) government's statements about economic recovery were just election propaganda.

He said everyone including the opposition should support the government's efforts to speed up economic recovery.

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