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WE WILL ACCEPT ANYONE AS STATE UMNO CHIEF - ANNUAR

KOTA BAHARU, June 15 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Umno is prepared to accept anybody chosen by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as its new chief, said deputy chief Datuk Annuar Musa.

He said it was up to Dr Mahathir as Umno president to decide on who should hold the state chief's post.

"We (Kelantan Umno) must abide by the decision of the prime minister," he said from Kuala Lumpur when contacted today.

The post is currently held by Dr Mahathir himself but there is talk that former Parti Melayu Semangat 46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah will be made the state Umno chief.

However, Razaleigh said yesterday he was not aware of any such move.

Kelantan Umno Secretary Datuk Ahmad Shahibuddin Mohd Noor and State Umno Youth chief Zahari Kechik both said Dr Mahathir had the prerogative to appoint whoever as the state Umno chief.

"I leave it to the party president's discretion, we accept what he thinks is good for the party," said Shaibuddin.

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