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ALL 15 KEDAH UMNO DIVISIONS PLEDGE TO NOMINATE DR MAHATHIR AND ABDULLAH

SINTOK, 26 Feb (Bernama) -- All 15 Umno divisions in Kedah have pledged to nominate Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the Umno president's and deputy president's posts.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said during his meeting with the divisional leaders, they had expressed their wish that the two posts should not be contested in the May party election.

"State Umno leaders acknowledged that Dr Mahathir and Abdullah have excellent leadership record," he said after opening the function on Sintok's history -- "Emergency In Kedah" in Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) here today.

Syed Razak was asked to comment on whether there is any possibility that Kelantan Umno liaison chairman Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah would receive nominations for the top party posts from Kedah Umno divisions.

Syed Razak who is the Kedah Umno liaison committee charman said the state Umno had regularly conducted discussions to convince divisional leaders on the rationale behind the Supreme Council's advice that the two top party posts should not be contested.

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