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Call to accept new party line-up

GUA MUSANG, Fri. - Kelantan Umno chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah today called on all divisions to accept the new party line-up under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"Let us all accept the new line-up and be one strong team for the benefit of the Malays and the country we love," he said.

Tengku Razaleigh said their endorsement on the new line-up was in line the advice of the supreme council.

"Good or bad, it is their choice. They want to remain under the leadership of Dr Mahathir as Umno president and Abdullah as the new Umno deputy president," Tengku Razaleigh added.

Opening the Gua Musang Umno delegates meeting at Bukit Chekati near here, Tengku Razaleigh, who is the division chairman, said he was confident that with support from all members, the party's new leadership would be able to generate more confidence for Umno from the people, especially the Malays.

"We want Umno to remain strong and hopefully, under the new line-up, will maintain the country's political stability and rapid economic progress."

He said he would continue to serve Umno and assist anyone in the struggle to realise the objective of developing the country effectively.

Touching on the campaign for party post, Tengku Razaleigh reiterated the stand he had made on numerous occasions that he had no plans.

"No plans does not mean that I am a man of no principle or want to run away from responsibility.

"My principle is intact... to see the Malays remain strong and the country ruled by a good government," he said, adding that his responsibility was to continue to serve the Malays and the country.

Tengku Razaleigh said he believed that responsibility did not come with position or post only.

"Let the grassroot decide what is most suitable for me."

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