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IBRAHIM DOESN'T THINK KU LI WILL GO FOR VEEP POST

KUALA LUMPUR, March 7 (Bernama) -- An Umno Supreme Council member, Datuk Ibrahim Ali said he did not think that Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah would go for the vice-presidency in the party's election in May.

He said this was based on Tengku Razaleigh's earlier statement that there were already enough vice-presidential hopefuls of qualified candidates.

"As to Tengku Razaleigh's nomination for other posts, it's up to the divisional delegates," he said, commenting on suggestion from certain quarters that Tengku Razaleigh, who is Kelantan Umno chief, contest for the vice-president's post.

Tengku Razaleigh, however, has not responded to the suggestion from among others Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali. His division, Grik had over the weekend nominated Tengku Razaleigh as one of the candidates for the three vice-president's posts.

Ibrahim also said that the Supreme Council (MT)'s decision on the president's and deputy president's post was only an advice and not a directive. The MT would like to see only Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi be nominated respectively for the post of president and deputy president.

Ibrahim hoped that Umno election would be carried out smoothly as this would be important in enhancing people's confidence in the party.

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