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KEADILAN WELCOMES PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH UMNO

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 25 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) has welcomed any effort by Umno to hold discussions with the party to strengthen Malay unity.

Its president, Datin Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, said today that Keadilan would like it to be held within the context of national unity and integration.

She was responding to the statement by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday that Umno was prepared to consider the possibility of holding discussions with PAS and Keadilan in efforts to strengthen the unity of the Malays.

"We will consider having discussions if the situation is conducive," the prime minister was quoted as telling reporters on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas near Alor Setar yesterday afternoon for a brief visit.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on a proposal by an academician, Prof Datuk Ahmad Fawzi Mohamed Basri, deputy vice chancellor (students' affairs) of Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), recently that Umno should hold discussions with PAS and Keadilan to strengthen Malay unity.

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