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Syed Razak-Umno/BM

KEDAH UMNO SUPPORTS MT'S DECISION ON TOP TWO POSTS

ALOR SETAR, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- Kedah Umno supports decision of the Supreme Council (MT) to re-nominate party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and nominate Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the sole candidate for deputy president's post.

Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain, who is state Umno liaison chief, said all the 15 divisions in the state would have no problem supporting the decision.

"A contest could lead to confusion and disunity within Umno," he said when commenting on the decision reached by the MT at its meeting in Kuala Lumpur last night.

Asked about his appointment as state liaison chief, succeeding former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, Syed Razak said he was aware of the heavy responsibilities that accompanied the post.

Nevertheless, he thanked Dr Mahathir for the appointment and said the 15 Umno divisions would be restructured to ensure closer rapports among members.

"We have to adopt new millennium approach. So, we have to change style and ways to manage the party as future members will come from the young," he said.

He said that among the first things he did after being appointed as Menteri Besar was to meet government officers and staff to discuss ways to develop the state.

"They are the administrators, thinkers, planners and implementors for the state's progress. I also met the ulamas. Now my attention is to the party," he said.

Syed Razak said he would meet and discuss with Umno members who were not chosen as candidates or lost in the recent general election.

"They are still young and important to the party. They can contribute to the party and state by absorbing them into the state executive committees or state subsidiaries," he said.

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