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KEDAH UMNO TO DECIDE ON UMNO'S TOP POSTS NEXT WEEK

ALOR SETAR, Jan 16 (Bernama) -- Kedah Umno is confident that all the 15 Umno divisions in the state will agree to abide by the stand taken by the Umno Supreme Council that there should be no contest for the posts of president and deputy president in the party election in May.

Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain, who is chairman of the state Umno liaison body, said that a decision would be known at its committee meeting next week.

"We will meet next week to seek the views of the divisions on the matter but I am confident that the Umno divisions here will agree to abide by the Supreme Council stand," he told reporters after opening an exhibition of works by a noted North Korean artist, here, last night.

He said that there should be no problem for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to continue to fill the post of president and for Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who has been carrying out the duties of the deputy president, to assume the post.

The meeting will be the first to be chaired by Syed Razak after being appointed as its chairman following his appointment as Menteri Besar after the Nov 29 general election.

Syed Razak also said that for now, he was not keen to offer himself for nomination to contest for a seat in the Supreme Council.

"All depends on the forthcoming meeting. But I do not place much importance on the election and the seat because as state liaison committee chairman I will still be a Supreme Council member," he said.

He however said that Umno members in the state were free to offer themselves for nomination for the various posts.

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