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Mustapa-Complaints

KELANTAN UMNO COMPLAINTS BUREAU TO LOOK AT MEMBERS' GROUSES

KOTA BAHARU, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- The Kelantan Umno Liaison Body will set up a Complaints Bureau to enable members to lodge complaints regarding malpractices by certain quarters that can affect Umno.

Its chairman, Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said the bureau would channel all complaints to the Political Bureau, Economic Bureau and Education Bureau which had been set up earlier to resolve the matter.

"We (state Umno) will try to resolve the complaints as soon as possible," he told reporters after a meeting with the Mukim Development Chief Supervisor (KPPM), Mukim Development Supervisor (PPM) and Community Motivators, here today.

Mustapa, who is also Umno Information Chief, said many complaints received earlier could not be solved as there was no specific body to handle them.

Every Umno member had the right to lodge reports on against anyone whose actions could affect Umno such as government officers, party members and contractors, he said.

"After receiving the complaints, we will investigate the truth of the allegations and stern action would be taken if the allegations were found to be true," he said.

Mustapa also did not deny that there had been many malpractices by government officers earlier which had affected the party and federal government.

Those concerned would be hauled up to explain their actions which were not in line with the party's aspiration so that such incidents would not recur.

In his speech at the function, Mustapa gave an assurance that every suggestion that was good for Umno and the government would be implemented as long as they were not in contradiction with the party constitution and the law.

"As party members, we want solidarity to be maintained and I promise to carry out my responsibility fully in line with the decision made by the party.

During the meeting, several participants expressed regret over the attitude of the Party Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) Youth head Ezam Mohd Noor who admitted to having discredited Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the United States.

They felt that stern action should be taken as such acts could hinder the government's efforts to develop the country besides preventing investments into the country.

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