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Ku Li: Divisions will decide for themselves on no-contest advice

KOTA BARU, Thurs. - Kelantan Umno respects the supreme council's advice of a no-contest for the two top posts in the party, but divisions in the State will decide for themselves on the matter.

Kelantan liaison chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said: "We leave it to them (divisions) to make their choice as we feel their views should be respected. This will help control their feelings."

Speaking to newsmen after chairing the State Umno Liaison Committee's monthly meeting here today, Tengku Razaleigh said Kelantan Umno respected the supreme council's wish for a no-contest and the explanation given by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the matter.

Whether he would be nominated to contest for any post, in particular that of deputy president by divisions, Tengku Razaleigh said the matter did not arise and that he had no plans.

At its meeting on Jan 3, the supreme council advised that the top two posts in Umno not be contested for the sake of party unity.

Meanwhile, Kelantan Umno is in the process of filing two more petitions pertaining to last year's general election, Tengku Razaleigh said.

He said the two petitions came from the Jeli and Peringat constituencies where Barisan Nasional candidates Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and Datuk Annuar Musa lost.

"We will hand over the cases to Umno's panel of lawyers to study and seek their advice before proceeding with the petitions," he said.

Another petition from the Pasir Mas constituency had recently been filed.

"We are waiting for Annuar's return from abroad before proceeding with the petition for Peringat," he added.

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