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NO CLEAR INDICATIONS FOR MALAY UNITY MUZAKARAH, SAYS KHALIL

KUANTAN, Dec 28 (Bernama) -- There are no clear indications so far as to how the discussion on Malay unity is to be approached, said Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

"For a muzakarah (discussion) to be held, a path towards it must be laid ... so far there have been only statements made and they are mostly not encouraging," he told reporters at the Kuantan Member of Parliament's Hari Raya open house here today.

Khalil is the MP for Kuantan.

He said not everyone in Umno wanted a muzakarah with PAS which has continued to slander Umno leaders.

Khalil, who is also Umno secretary-general, was asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's recent statement that Umno was willing to take the initiative for a discussion on Malay unity with PAS and Keadilan.

Khalil said as far as he could recollect, the matter too has yet to be discussed within Umno itself.

"And, several opposition leaders in their Hari Raya messages did not give clear indications on the matter other than making only political statements," he said.

Asked about official notification on the matter, Khalil said he did not foresee the opposition writing to Umno and vice versa.

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