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WAN MOKHTAR PLANS TO WRITE MEMOIR

KUALA TERENGGANU, March 12 (BERNAMA) -- Former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad has expressed his intention to write a memoir on his political experience spanning almost 30 years for the benefit of the younger generation.

The veteran politician said he planned to utilise his free time to record his political experience in Umno since the days of the late Tun Abdul Razak and Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Wan Mokhtar, who had the longest service of 25 years as Menteri Besar before being defeated by PAS candidate Awang Dagang Yusof, said the book would describe his sweet and bitter memories in politics and Umno.

He lost to Awang Dagang who had challenged him for the past five terms by a 436-vote majority. Awang Dagang is now an Exco member of the PAS-led government.

"I will try to explain the religious deviation practised by PAS leaders as well as their statements which can confuse the Muslims," he told reporters at his residence here last night.

However, he did not disclose details on when he would start to write the memoir.

On the debt of more than RM700 million left by the former Barisan Nasional government in the state as alleged by the PAS-led government, Wan Mokhtar said the money was used to generate development programmes especially to carry out a study on the state's water supply for the next 15 years.

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