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ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN POLITICS, SAYS HISHAMMUDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussien has not ruled out the possibility of PAS joining the Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition at a later stage despite outright rejection by the opposition party.

"Politics is the art of possibility. Anything can happen. The top leadership can reject a proposal now but later can have a change of heart," he said, here, today.

He said even at the Umno grassroots level there had been talk about PAS joining the BN and PAS rejection was the stand of one man (PAS spiritual adviser and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat).

Speaking to reporters after launching the Go-Kart Rotax Max Challenge World Finals to be held in Langkawi next year, he said the outcome of the proposed Malay unity talks between Umno and PAS could provide a clearer picture of the opposition.

Earlier this week, Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that Umno will not stand in the way of PAS if the opposition party wants to join the BN.

Speaking to reporters in Jitra on Thursday, after attending a Hari Raya gathering organised by the Kubang Pasu Umno Youth, Dr Mahathir has said his party was willing to accept any party including PAS into the coalition.

Yesterday, PAS deputy president Abdul Hadi Awang said that PAS has no intention of joining BN and it was happy to be in the opposition front.

On the Umno-PAS unity talks, Hishammuddin said that Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob and PAS secretary-general Nasaruddin Mat Isa would set the agenda for the discussion.

On the recent appointment of two deputy ministers and a parliamentary secretary to the government post, Hishammuddin said the Umno Youth has no objection to the minor changes in the Cabinet.

"I'm sure there will be other opportunities for us and the top leadership to introduce new faces in the Cabinet later on," he added.

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