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BOARD NEEDS TIME FOR THOROUGH PROBE OF KUANTAN MONEY POLITICS CASE

KUANTAN, May 30 (Bernama) -- Pahang Umno liaison chief Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said the Umno Disciplinary Board needed time for a thorough probe into allegation of money politics in the recent Kuantan Umno divisional elections.

He believed the board would not want to be hasty to ensure that its decision would be fair and that no parties would feel victimised later, said Adnan who is also the Menteri Besar.

He was offering explanation to reporters who approached him here today on reasons for the delay in announcing the outcome of the board's probe on the case.

Last March 31, the Umno Supreme Council set up a special committee to investigate the allegation by Kuantan division chief Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman.

"When a task is done painstakingly it shows thoroughness. A job done fast may not reflect efficiency," said Adnan.

The Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said on May 21 that the Umno Supreme Council meeting that day had yet to deliberate on Fauzi's complaint as it had not received the report from the board.

Earlier on May 5, board chairman Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen announced its decision to nullify the election of three division chiefs found guilty of resorting to money politics during recent divisional polls.

As up to May 5, the board received altogether 368 complaints relating to money politics and among other things, had dealt with 66 of them, was still scrutinising 176 and had rejected eight cases.

Adnan said the board's delay in deciding on the Kuantan division case could be due to the sheer number of complaints it was handling and in terms of importance the Kuantan case may have to give way to more urgent ones.

He also reminded individuals under probe for alleged involvement in money politics in the Kuantan division not to make statements commenting on the case.

"There is no need for individuals being investigated by the board to make comments for the time being. Just let the board do its job," Adnan added.

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