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Kedah Pas expresses its support for Malay unity talks

ALOR STAR, Sun. - Kedah Pas today expressed its support for the Malay Unity talks between Pas and Umno scheduled for Feb 19.

State Pas Information chief Phahrolrazi Mohd Zawawi said members generally understood the need for the talks and placed full confidence in the party leaders.

"The liaison committee unanimously supported the decision during its meeting on Feb 3.

"We are making this statement to show that there is support for the talks from all levels within Pas," he said at a Press conference at the Kedah Pas headquarters today.

Phahrolrazi also said the party had explained the reason for Pas' participation in the talks to the grassroots.

"We have told them that this is an opportunity for both parties to discuss issues and I believe that the members have understood this."

Pas has about 120,000 members in Kedah.

In Kota Baru, Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his sincerity.

Nik Abdul Aziz said he was also grateful to Allah for opening the hearts of both Umno and Pas members to agree to the talks.

"There are many (members) in Pas who did not agree with the talks, but after explaining to them, they agreed to it.

"In the case of Umno, we have sent letters requesting for a muzakarah, but they never replied. Now, they have opened their hearts. I would like to thank them and also the Prime Minister as the party president," he added.

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