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MALAY UNITY TALKS: PAS AWAITING OFFICIAL LETTER FROM UMNO

ALOR SETAR, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- PAS said today it is awaiting an official letter from Umno on the holding of a meeting to discuss the format and agenda of the proposed "Malay unity" talks between the two parties.,

PAS secretary-general Nasharudin Mat Isa said he had so far only received a few telephone calls from his Umno counterpart, Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, on the matter.

"This morning I wrote to Khalil asking for an official letter from Umno to enable the technical-level meeting to be held immediately," he said.

Nasharudin, who is also the PAS Technical Committee chairman and MP for Yan, was speaking to reporters at an Aidilfitri reception at his service centre organised by the women's wing of Kedah PAS.

He said PAS did receive a letter from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad inviting PAS to take part in Malay unity talks, and PAS had replied agreeing to participate.

"Now we seek an official letter for the technical-level meeting," he said.

On yesterday's statement by Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, that talks on Malay unity would be held first before discussions on national integration, Nasharudin said he would discuss the agenda of the proposed talks with Khalil.

"After that, I will refer the outcome of the discussion with Khalil to the (PAS) Syura Committee for a decision," he said. katanya.

PAS had before this stressed that the talks should be on national unity instead of Malay unity.

Present at the Aidilfitri reception was PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat, who is Kelantan Menteri Besar.

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