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Muhammad-Denial

MUHAMMAD DENIES ALLEGATION BY AZMIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 3 (Bernama) -- Umno vice president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib has denied an allegation by Keadilan Selangor liaison chief Azmin Ali that he has undermined the government in front of the Kaabah while performing the "umrah" during Ramadan last December.

Muhammad said that he had not met Azmin in Mekah and had not spoken to him in front of the Kaabah as alleged by him.

"I strongly deny Azmin's allegation that I have spoken to him in front of the Kaabah and undermining the government and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he told Bernama.

He said that Azmin, who is also Hulu Klang state assemblyman, had made such an allegation in his speech here recently.

Muhammad said that Azmin's allegation was a lie, meant to disunite Umno.

"I believe he is also trying to ensure the failure of the move by Dr Mahathir to hold a meeting with PAS pertaining to Malay unity," he said.

Muhammad said that a friend of his had sent him the newspaper cutting on Azmin's speech.

He said that he had asked his lawyer to study the matter to whether or not take action against Azmin for defaming him.

Muhammad said that he had bumped into Azmin when he was coming down the plane in Madinah and later at a breaking of fast there, also attended by Umno information chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

Muhammad was accompanied by his wife and children on the "umrah".

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