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NAJIB HOPES PAS WILL CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE, SPEED UP TALKS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 27 (Bernama) -- Umno Vice President Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak hopes Pas will change its attitude and agree to hold the Umno-Pas Malay Unity talks as soon as possible.

"We need not decide on when the meeting should take place...like in a day or two ...but I can see that the situation is difficult (to call for a meeting) on such short notice," he said after delivering a luncheon keynote speech at the International Conference on Globalisation," here today.

He said Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has an open mind on the matter and wants the talks to proceed.

"It is therefore only proper for the Pas leadership to change its attitude (on the meeting) and raise all their claims and request at the talks itself," he said.

He said there should be a strong bond of unity to guarantee the country's security.

"Outsiders and our enemies will see how far the citizens are prepared to defend the nation. If we are divided, that will signal that our defence is weak and this can have an impact on the nation's security, said Najib who is also Defence Minister.

He was also asked to comment on the recent statement made by Umno Deputy President Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on the fact that the Anti Corruption Agency (ACA) can investigate any division or branch which practices money politics in the coming division elections.

"As far as possible, we do not want the ACA to step in as we have the ability to control money politics in Umno now that the Discipline Board has been just established.

"If money politics is very wide-spread and has a link to irregularities in the government.....the ACA can then step in," he said.

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