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Nasharuddin: Pas agrees to meet Umno

ALOR STAR, Thurs. - Pas secretary-general Nasharuddin Mat Isa said the party agreed to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's request for an informal meeting between representatives of the two parties to discuss Malay issues.

"We can have the informal meeting anywhere... even over a cup of coffee," he said in an immediate response to the Prime Minister's request.

Nasharuddin said since Dr Mahathir was very serious in wanting to meet Pas, the most appropriate venue he could think of would be the Parliament House as leaders from both parties would be attending the next sitting which is scheduled to be held from March 19.

"We have no problem meeting the request, but the meeting should be between delegates from both parties, not a meeting between the two party presidents only," he said.

Nasharuddin said the party was still waiting for Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaacob to get back to him on the proposed Umno-Pas unity talks.

"The technical teams from both parties are still at the discussion stage.

"There is also no official letter from Umno saying that the party had rejected the pre-conditions which Pas had set for the proposed talks," he said.

"Khalil had proposed three dates for the third technical committee meeting but unfortunately these dates are not acceptable to Pas and he is supposed to get back to me."

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