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PAS SHOULD ACCEPT UMNO'S PROPOSAL FIRST, SAYS MUSTAPA

GUA MUSANG, March 10 (Bernama) -- PAS should first accept Umno's proposal for talks to discuss the problem of disunity among the Malays instead of raising matters to create obstacles to such a meeting, said Umno information chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

Mustapa said that Umno had expressed its sincerity in having the meeting which was considered vital.

"Umno has a very attractive agenda especially pertaining to resolution of current issues that generally cause the disunity of the Malays," he said at a gathering of leaders of three levels of the Gua Musang Umno division here today.

Mustapa, who is Kelantan Umno liaison chief, said that he still supported efforts to hold the meeting as it could help resolve various problems pertaining to factions among the Malays through consensus-seeking as advocated by Islam.

"We would like to ask PAS to set aside all demands because what is more important is the party's agreement for the meeting to be held and all demands could be forwarded later," he said.

Mustapa said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had repeatedly explained the objective of the meeting and there was no political motive to it.

He expressed concern that if efforts to unite the Malays were to fail, it would have more serious repercussions on the Malays.

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