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PAS WILL ONLY MEET UMNO IF CONDITIONS MET, REITERATES FADZIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 22 (Bernama) -- PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor said the party will stick to its decision to meet Umno for discussions on Malay unity only after its three conditions are met.

He said there was no reason why Umno could not fulfil the conditions as they did not involve policies or legislations.

He said this when contacted in Kuala Krai, Kelantan tonight to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement today that Umno was still willing to meet PAS but could not fulfil the conditions.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, said this after chairing an Umno Supreme Council meeting.

He said it was not within Umno's power to meet the conditions which include restoring oil royalty to Terengganu and allowing the PAS newspaper 'Harakah' to be published twice a week.

Fadzil, who is the Opposition Leader, said he could not accept Dr Mahathir's statement that Umno was unable to meet the conditions because it was not the Government.

"The Umno president is the Prime Minister. This means Umno is the Government and the Government is Umno. It's not difficult, the Prime Minister only needs to direct the minister to fulfil PAS' conditions," he said.

In KOTA BAHARU earlier, Fadzil welcomed Umno's willingness to remain committed to the meeting with PAS.

He also said PAS had the right to impose the conditions.

"They (Umno) invite us (to a meeting), therefore we can impose conditions. We did not even call it conditions, only as requests for them to consider," he said.

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