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Razaleigh gives reason for Pas' constitutional amendment

TUMPAT, Fri. - Umno supreme council member Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah believes that the Pas State Government's proposal to amend the Kelantan Constitution is in retaliation for the Kelantan Palace's withdrawal of State awards from the party's two assemblymen.

He said Pas was trying to get even with the Kelantan royalty for having withdrawn the awards from State executive councillors Takiyuddin Hassan and Mohamed Daud.

"Their awards were withdrawn because they had behaved badly," he said, adding that the Sultan had not withdrawn awards given to other Pas members.

"Menteri Besar Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat is still a Datuk and the Sultan had also given awards to many Pas people including Deputy Menteri Besar Abdul Halim Abdul Rahim who got his Datukship recently," he said at the opening of the Tumpat Umno divisional delegates meeting at Sekolah Kebangsaan Berangan, Tumpat.

Tengku Razaleigh said if Pas had been sincere in wanting to amend the State Constitution, it should have done so during the time the Federal Government carried it out.

"Pas did not do it because the party is against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. When the Sultan withdrew State awards from its two Assemblymen, the party decides to amend the State Constitution," he added.

He said the Pas State Government's move showed that the party members were also after worldly needs and gains.

"The Kelantan Sultan had endorsed the hudud law, which the State Assembly had passed.

"The law is there, but why didn't Pas get it implemented," he said, adding that the proposed amendments to the State Constitution were to attract the people's attention.

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