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SYED RAZAK WILLING TO HEAD KUALA KEDAH UMNO IF OFFERED

ALOR SETAR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain is willing to helm Kuala Kedah Umno division if the post is offered to him by incumbent head Datuk Zakaria Said in a family spirit.

"I've no intention to challenge Zakaria to wrest the post from him if he is still keen to head the division," he told reporters after chairing the state Umno liaison committee meeting here last night.

He said this when asked to comment on talk that he would take on Zakaria in the divisional elections in March.

Syed Razak, who is also Kedah Umno liaison committee chairman, is the division's deputy chairman since 1993 and has been retaining the post uncontested.

He said he would not entertain nominations from branches in the division urging him to contest against Zakaria.

"If he (Zakaria) steps down willingly and hand over the post to me, that's okay, I'll accept it.

"But, I will not challenge Datuk Zakaria to grab the post," he said.

Syed Razak said while he did not expect intense contests in other divisions in the state, he would not prevent challenges to divisional posts.

He said he would be visiting all the 15 divisions to hold discussions on the upcoming divisional polls.

Last night's meeting was attended by all division chiefs except Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad (Kubang Pasu), Datuk Paduka Dr Abdul Hamid Othman (Sik), Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir (Kulim/Bandar Baharu) and Datuk Abu Bakar Taib (Langkawi).

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