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UMNO-PAS MALAY UNITY TALKS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 15 (Bernama) -- Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today he would know issues to be raised by PAS at the Malay unity talks on Monday when the technical committee of the two parties meet tomorrow.

"I'll listen to what the PAS technical committee delegation has to say," he told reporters after briefing Umno members on divisional elections at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here.

Khalil was asked on PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor's statement in Kuala Lumpur yesterday that his party would raise the issue on Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and oil royalty for Terengganu at the Malay unity talks next week.

Khalil, who is Information Minister, said both sides agreed at the first technical committee meeting last week to meet again to finalise the agenda for discussions at the talks initiated by Umno.

On Umno representatives to attend the talks, he said the party's political bureau would decide on members of the party's delegation to be headed by Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Asked to comment on the call by the All-Malaysian Muftis' Council to television stations in the country to reduce airing of Bollywood movies, he said his ministry would look into the matter.

He said calls to reduce screening of foreign movies by local television stations had gained momentum of late.

The council's representative Datuk Seri Harussani Zakaria said Bollywood movies could easily lead Muslims to commit incest owing to its strong influence as they were being shown too often on television.

"I'm aware that this is a popular opinion that has been raised and we'll take this into account in our overall efforts to improve quality of programmes aired by television stations," he added.

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