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Ahmad Urai-Unity

UNITE FOR POLITICAL STABILITY, MALAY LEADERS IN SARAWAK TOLD

KUCHING, March 27 (Bernama) -- Former Dewan Negara President Tan Sri Ahmad Urai Abang Mohideen today urged Malay and other Bumiputera leaders in Sarawak to be united to ensure lasting political stability and continued economic prosperity in the state.

He said they should emulate the effort by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for inviting PAS and Parti Keadilan Nasional for the Malay unity talks to unite the Malays in the country.

"It's the same in Sarawak. Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud (Chief Minister), Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha (former Defence Minister) and Datuk Hafsah Harun (Sarawak Keadilan chief) and leaders of other indigenous groups should negotiate as friends and in a family spirit to create Bumiputera unity," he told a media conference here.

He said unity among Bumiputeras was crucial so that the non-Bumiputeras would feel secure and confident that their business and investments in the state would not be jeopardised.

"When this happens, only then we can build a more prosperous Sarawak particularly for the younger generation, including for children still in school," he said.

The leaders must avoid political problems in Sarawak to ensure efforts to bring development to the state proceeded smoothly, he said when commenting on the political developments in the state.

On the impending state election, Ahmad Urai, who now lives in Kuala Lumpur and heads the Jalan Yap Kwan Seng Umno branch, said he would support the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) in the election.

"As an Umno member, I must support the BN. There's no reason for Umno members not to support the dominant party in the BN," he added.

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