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Fadzil-Talks

UNITY TALKS CHANCE TO CONVEY PEOPLE'S WISHES, SAYS FADZIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- PAS regards the Feb 19 Malay unity talks between Umno and PAS as an opportunity for the party to convey the people's wishes to the government, its president Datuk Fadzil Noor said today.

He said Umno would be making a big mistake if it intends to use the unity talks as an agenda to break up the opposition.

PAS would not be influenced through the talks to rejoin Barisan Nasional (BN), he said speaking at a Chinese New Year gathering jointly hosted by Keadilan and Parti Rakyat Malaysia here.

Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said after the supreme council meeting last night that the talks would cover all aspects on unity.

He said each side would be represented by six members headed by the president.

Keadilan president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, in her speech, reiterated that her party would not participate in the talks if it was merely to discuss Malay unity.

She said her party's struggles were for all races.

"If a meeting is to be held, it must be to discuss inter-racial unity in the country," she added.

Present were Keadilan deputy president Dr Chandra Muzaffar and PRM president Dr Syed Husin Ali.

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