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## Present Kelantan Umno leadership will not be changed: Abdullah

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**JELI, Pri:** The present leadership of Kelantan Umno will not be changed and will continue to face the challenges of the next general election.

In the same breath, Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Radawi suggested that all party divisions in the state make a clear stand to support the present state chief, Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, in their respective divisions delegates meetings.

Abdullah said Mustapa had pledged to continue holding the post despite rumours that he wanted to give it up.

Speaking at a press conference after officiating the Jeli Umno division delegates meeting here today, Abdullah said based on investigations he has made through the state party deputy liaison chief Datuk Annuar Musa and with Mustapa himself, it is clear that the state party's leadership should remain unchanged.

"I then told Umno president

and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after the cabinet meeting on Wednesday that. Mustapa is willing to continue leading Kelantan Umno as the state liaison chief.

"The party president said it is good," Abdullah, who is also the Deputy Prime Minister said, adding that it was Mahathir who selected Mustapa for the post.

Abdullah also advised party members not to entertain any rumours that would be exploited by PAS to weaken the party especially regarding its internal conflict.

Earlier in his speech, Abdullah said state Umno members should work together to recapture the state from the opposition in the next general election.

"If we want Umno to win the state, we have to make thorough preparation from now, including updating the election machinery.

"Most importantly, it is important that we step up unity and cooperation within Umno," he said.