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Awang Adek's appointment proof Government is fair

KOTA BARU, Mon. - The Federal Government's fairness is reflected in the appointment of Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin as chairman of Tenaga Nasional Bhd, State Umno chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said today.

He said politically, the Barisan Nasional lost in the State but a Kelantan man was still appointed to such a strategic post.

"As one who is from Kelantan, I am proud not only of his appointment but of others who have been appointed to equally important positions at the Federal level.

"I wish to thank Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for giving us the opportunity to contribute to nationbuilding."

He said Kelantan people should regard Awang Adek's appointment as a gift from the Federal Government, which had also spent a lot of money to develop the State.

Mustapa, who is National Economic Action Council executive director, was speaking after attending a Hari Raya gathering where he met students of institutions of higher learning and Kelantanese working outside the State.

He said reaction to the function had been very positive. "Actually, these people form the silent majority who are with us. Before this, they were reluctant to come forward."

He said he had been meeting these groups over the past six months, and they had expressed their readiness to contribute to BN's victory in Kelantan.