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Mustapa-Resign

MUSTAPA RESIGNS AS UMNO MALAYSIA INFORMATION CHIEF

KOTA BAHARU, April 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Mustapa Mohamed today announced his resignation as Umno Malaysia Information Chief.

Mustapa, who is the Kelantan Umno head, has been holding the national level post for the last two years.

"The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is the Umno President, wants me to concentrate fully on Kelantan Umno," he told reporters here.

Mustapa said he would from now on focus on Kelantan Umno and prepare for the next general election.

He said that with his resignation as Umno Malaysia Information Chief, he was also no longer a member of the Umno Management Committee.

Mustapa said Kelantan Umno division heads had been cooperating well with him and he was always open and ready to accept criticism.

Mustapa, who is Executive Director of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC), said his resignation as Information Chief would not weaken Kelantan Umno.

He said he would have more time now to draw up strategies to weaken PAS in Kelantan.

Mustapa said Kelantan was the PAS stronghold and its activities in the state should be countered so that they would not spread to other states.

He noted that the people in Kelantan had begun to oppose the PAS rule in the state and Umno should take advantage of this to weaken the party.

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