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UMNO NOT AFFECTED BY MUSTAPA'S MOVE, SAYS MUHAMMAD

KUALA TERENGGANU, April 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Mustapa Mohamed's move to step down as the Umno Information head will not affect Umno and instead will contribute towards strengthening the party.

Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib said Mustapa had taken the step after taking into account various factors including rejuvenating the Kelantan Umno.

"We respected Mustapa's decision and it (his resignation) is nothing to do with several issues created by certain parties before this," he told reporters here today.

Mustapa, who is the Kelantan Umno liaison committee chairman, announced his resignation as the Umno Information head with immediate effect today.

Mustapa, when announcing his decision, said the move was agreed to by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who wanted him to focus on the Kelantan Umno.

Muhammad said Mustapa was a dedicated party leader and his move was calculated to benefit Umno in the future.

He said this type of tolerance was the main reason why Umno was becoming stronger and continued to gain confidence from the people.

"I think (Mustapa) is giving way to new faces in continuing the party agenda at the national level and this is something positive for Umno," said Muhammad.

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