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CHANGES IN UMNO FOR BENEFIT OF KELANTAN PEOPLE - MUHYIDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Changes to the Kelantan Umno leadership was not only in the interest of the party but more so in the interest of people in the state, said Umno Vice-President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today.

He said the changes were part of a careful plan by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, as party president, after considering views of the Kelantan people who wanted a change.

"The changes were more of a boost to the spirit and a step which had to be taken," he told reporters when asked to comment on the reshuffle in the state Umno Liasion Body, at a press conference announcing price of controlled goods for the Chinese New Year here.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir announced the appointment of Kota Baharu Umno Division Chief Zaid Ibrahim as the Deputy Chairman of the State Umno Liasion Body in place of Datuk Annuar Musa, along with a few other committee members.

Muhyiddin said Umno has hopes for the new state leadership to help Kelantan Umno Liasion Chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed devise an effective strategy for the party.

"The convergence of old and new is better because the old will be able to offer advise and guidance while the new will have new ideas and this will create a more fresh image," he said.

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