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KELANTAN PAS LEADERSHIP UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE

PENANG, Feb 16 (Bernama) -- The PAS leadership in Kelantan is under pressure as more people begin to realise they want change and development.

Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said the Kelantan rakyat knew that Umno brought changes to them and only the Barisan Nasional could help develop the state.

The pressure on PAS also came from increased co-operation and unity of the Kelantan Umno that was determine to reclaim the state from PAS in the upcoming general election.

"Kelantan rakyat realise they must unite for change to take place. And we are confident we can reclaim Kelantan, Khalil told reporters here today.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Annuar Musa was quoted as saying yesterday that PAS would do anything to stay in power in Kelantan and thwart Barisan Nasional's growing influence in the state.

Earlier, speaking at the seminar on Dr Mahathir's Thoughts for the Younger Generation organised by the Information Ministry's Special Affairs Department, Khalil said people must view the Prime Minister's ideas in line with developing the country.

Dr Mahathir began this approach with the 'Corporatisation of Malaysia', 'Look East Policy', privatisation, and the restructuring of the civil service to increase productivity.

Khalil said the Islamic world recognised Dr Mahathir as a moderate Muslim leader; the world looked on him highly; and his contributions to the country were immense.

Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas urged the younger generation to use Dr Mahathir visionary ideas as a guide to developing the country.

"Even as a student Dr Mahathir was critical in this thoughts and wrote about the problems faced by the Malays and suggested good ideas to overcome them," Abdul Rahman said.

The one-day seminar, attended by 1,000 people, was a good way for the young to build on the Prime Minister's efforts and vision, he added.

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