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NEW UMNO LEADER WOULD HAVE FULL PARTY SUPPORT

LAHAD DATU, Jan 3 (Bernama) -- Umno Sabah said today the leadership transition following Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's retirement in October will not create a power-struggle within the party.

Umno Liaison Committee Chairman Datuk Musa Aman said PAS President Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang's allegation of unrest in Umno showed he did not understand the tradition of how an Umno leader is chosen.

"This view reflects the leadership of a party that failed to developed the rakyat in Kelantan dan Terengganu," Musa said.

"He does not know the Umno tradition where the leader or anyone chosen would be supported by the members," Musa told reporters after attending an open house organised by the Silam dan Felda Sahabat Umno division about 80km from here.

Meanwhile, he expressed his appreciation towards the Felda Sabah for providing jobs and upgrading the rakyat's standard of living.

"Felda, as a Federal government agency, succeeded in providing economic growth for the rakyat. This is proof of the close relationship between Sabah and the Federal government," he said

Musa who is also the state Finance Minister said Sabah has never faced problems with the Federal agencies in mobilising developed for the state.

He said the Felda scheme in the 122,000 hectare site is among the biggest development project in the country. It is an important project in generating oil palm plantation-based economic development.

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