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UMNO TERENGGANU WILL ACCEPT DECISION OF LEADERSHIP

KUALA TERENGGANU, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Terengganu Umno Liaison Deputy Chairman Datuk Idris Jusoh said today the state Umno leadership will always adhere to the decision of the top party leaders including their willingness to be excluded as candidates for the next general election.

In fact, he said, their openness had been reflected in the letter of undertaking signed by all the eight Umno divisional heads in the state more than a year ago.

"I myself will accept any decision on my position whether as State Umno Liaison Deputy Chairman or as a candidate for the general election," he said.

He was commenting on the suggestion by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday that all Umno leaders resign to allow his deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is also Terengganu Umno Liaison Chairman, to form his own line-up as some of the leaders had been in office for quite some time.

"The Deputy Liaison Chairman need not necessarily be automatically selected to be a candidate by the top leadership," Idris said when contacted here.

On the revamp of the State Umno leadership, Idris said that for the moment the matter did not arise but in line with the letter of undertaking signed, Terengganu Umno would accept any decision by the party leadership.

He said the whole party machinery must be prepared to pool resources, strengthen solidarity and put aside self-interest to recapture Terengganu from PAS in the next general election.

In line with this stand, the State Assemblyman for Seberang Takir Datuk Abdul Rashid Ngah left it to Abdullah's discretion to make any decision on the position of the State Umno leaders.

However, Abdul Rashid, who is also Kuala Nerus Umno Division head, suggested that the post of divisional heads be resolved through the divisional delegates meeting.

As Opposition Leader in the state, Abdul Rashid said he accepted any decision by the party leadership if he was not chosen as candidate in the coming general election.

Abdul Rashid is one of the Umno State Assemblymen in Terengganu who had been returned to office for the past seven terms.

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