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PENANG, (Bernama) -- The Kelantan Umno's new line-up, together with national Umno, will draw up strategies to recapture Kelantan from PAS in the next general election.

Umno Secretary-General Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said there would be changes in the party's approach in achieving the objective.

"I believe the effort will be successful because of the commitment given by all to give their cooperation and I am confident that the new line-up would be more effective, " he told reporters after presenting his keynote address the Long Term Strategic Plan Retreat (PSJP 2002-2012) of the Information Ministry, here today.

He said the support by Kelantan Umno leaders and members to the new line-up was a good sign.

"Those appointed are experienced leaders, having the confidence of various parties including the grassroot members," he said.

He was referring to the new-line of the Kelantan Umno announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday at the end of his two-day working visit to Kelantan.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, appointed Kota Baharu divisional chief Zaid Ibrahim to succeed Datuk Annuar Musa as deputy to Kelantan Umno Chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

Also appointed were Bachok deputy chief Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin as treasurer (succeeding Dr Nik Hussein Nik Abdul Rahman), Tumpat deputy chief Nawawi Jusoh as secretary (Tuan Hashim Tuan Yaakob) and Peringat deputy chief Che Alwi Che Ahmad as information chief (Ismail Mamat).

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