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DR MAHATHIR HOPES "MALAY UNITY MEETING" WILL BE SUCCESSFUL

LANGKAWI, Jan 24 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed the hope that the proposed unity meeting between Umno and PAS will be successful in finding ways of resolving several issues that at present divide the Malay community.

"I hope it will be successful," the former Prime Minister said when asked to comment on the proposal that the leaders of both parties sit down and discuss various issues so that a beginning could be made towards achieving lasting unity among the Malays.

Dr Mahathir was met by reporters after he and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali had completed a tour of the Langkawi Bird Park here.

Dr Mahathir arrived here yesterday and is scheduled to return to Kuala Lumpur tomorrow. Yesterday and today, he visited tourist spots such as the Galeria Perdana, Tanjung Rhu and Telaga Harbour Park in Pantai Kok.

Prime Minister and Umno acting President Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had said that Umno was ready to cooperate with PAS in resolving issues affecting Muslims, their faith and the country.

PAS President Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had said his party was ready for the meeting at anytime.

PAS would not set any condition for the meeting and was ready to set aside political interests to ensure the success of the meeting, he had said.

Abdul Hadi had said that the meeting was necessary so that both Umno and PAS could find a starting point for the resolving of the various issues.

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