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Mustapa: Pas has no chance at all to win over more States

KOTA BARU, Sat. - Pas has no chance of taking over Pahang, Perlis, Kedah and Selangor in the next general election as Malaysians have realised the importance of uniting under the Barisan Nasional, Kelantan Umno chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said.

He said the coalition had been working hard since the 1999 general election and former party president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had strengthened the party and lured back supporters who left Umno.

"The Opposition parties are dreaming. They will not succeed," he said after presenting food packages to soldiers and policemen on duty during Hari Raya at the Eighth Brigade here today.

He was commenting on a statement by Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang that the party was confident of winning the four States besides retaining Kelantan and Terengganu in the next election.

Mustapa, who is also the National Economic Action Council executive director, said Hadi was actually nervous as Terengganu has come under intense attack from Umno.

He said Umno was stronger and would be further strengthened under new Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"Umno will put up a tough fight because it is the only way for us to ensure that Muslims, Malaysians and Islam will be safe from Pas' narrow interpretation of the religion," he said.

Mustapa said in Kelantan, the party was confident of taking over the State Government.