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Pledge to recapture Kelantan, Terengganu

KELANTAN and Terengganu Umno have pledged to recapture both States from Pas as a parting gift to party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Speaking on the sidelines of the assembly, Kelantan Umno liaison chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said this was the resolve of the State Umno.

"We will strive to achieve this. We want this to be a special gift for him," he said.

Mustapa, who is Jeli Umno chief, said this was within reach provided party members in the State heeded Dr Mahathir's advice.

"If they really love Umno, they must strengthen unity," he said.

He said the efforts put in by the State Umno in the last 13 years would be in vain if members were divided.

Mustapa said Kelantan Umno was not short of leaders who could help chart the progress of the two States.

"State Umno treasurer Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin is among those who have a good future. Like in the previous general election, our candidates will be a combination of old and new faces," he said.

Terengganu Umno deputy chief Datuk Idris Jusoh said Gelombang Biru, a programme launched to recapture the State from Pas, has been gaining momentum since its launch by deputy Umno president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is also Terengganu Umno chief, in Besut on April 10.

"We have also come up with pamphlets, outlining the lies and misdeeds of Pas leaders and State Government since they took over the State after the 1999 general election.

"We will ensure that the information will reach every household in the State to make the people realise what Pas is up to."

Idris said the pendulum would swing in the direction of the Barisan Nasional this time around.

"We are making a good headway in our bid to make a clean sweep in the general election," he added.