

Ku Li: Pak Lah and Dr M need to talk things out

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PASIR MAS: Meet to discuss the strained relationship for the sake of unity in Umno and the country.

This is veteran Umno leader Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah's advice to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his predecessor fun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Razaleigh said he did not think the strained relationship between the two leaders would greatly affect Umno in the next general elections.

"Dr Mahathir's views would

have an effect on the party but the airing of these views would not affect Umno's ability to garner support," he said during a meeting with Umno leaders at Kampung Lubok Chekok in Lubok Aching here.

Those present were state Umno chairman Datuk Seri Annual Musa, secretary Datuk Ramzi Ab Rahman, Pengkalan Pasir assemblyman Hanafi Mamat Tendeng assemblyman Fauzi Ab Rahman and Pasir Mas Umno division Datuk Abd Rahim Abd Rahman.

Annuar told a press conference that Kelantan Umno had

analysed Dr Mahathir's speeches during his one day visit to the, state last month and found some, to be personal attacks.

"Some do have merits and we must be open-minded about it

"There is basis for the Government and Umno to study Dr Mahathir's suggestions," he said.

He urged members not to get distracted but stay focussed on developing Kelantan.

He said members should close ranks and not react to the accusations levelled at Abdullah.