

Najib: Umno staying out of Sarawak

KOTA KINABALU: Umno will stay out of Sarawak.

Party deputy president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said yesterday there was no change in Umno's earlier decision not to enter Sarawak.

"We will not recognise any attempt to establish Umno in Sarawak," he said.

He was commenting on recent reports of a group in Sarawak pro-

moting Umno's entry into the state.

The group calling itself the Sarawak Umno pro tem committee and claiming to have the support of certain Umno individuals in Kuala Lumpur, have put up Umno flags in various parts of Sarawak.

It also claimed to have opened about 70 Umno branches throughout the state since September last year with the largest number in

Kuching, irking the state Barisan Nasional politicians.

On Saturday, Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) deputy president Datuk Seri Abang Johari Tun Abang Openg dismissed talk of Umno's intention to spread its wings to Sarawak as mere rumours.

He said the issue of Umno entering Sarawak was never discussed during Barisan meetings.

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