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NAJIB DOESN'T RULE OUT UMNO-PAS COOPERATION

It's possible in politics, but there's nothing definite right now, says party president

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UMNO president Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday said he did not rule out the possibility of Umno working with Pas in the next general election.

"In politics, any possibility can happen. However, at this stage, we are carrying out our own work."

In reply to a question, Najib said he could not say anything definite

on the possible cooperation.

He was speaking after a session to hear views from students as part of the 2050 National Transformation programme at Universiti Malaysia Kelantan here yesterday.

Umno and Pas had been working together on several issues, including the proposed amendment to the Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act (Act 355).

Umno and Pas leaders had attended a rally in Kuala Lumpur to highlight the plight of the

Rohingya in Myanmar and participated in the Food Flotilla to Myanmar.

Umno leaders also joined a rally in Kuala Lumpur to support the proposed amendments to Act 355.

On Umno's chances in Kelantan in the next election, Najib said Umno was preparing and mobilising its machinery.

"The response is encouraging at the grassroots level. However, we know it will not be easy in Kelantan, and we will work hard.

"We hope there are no negative politics. We must prioritise the people's welfare and wellbeing."

He said it was Kelantan Umno's wish to win the state back.

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He said Umno was a party that valued responsibility and prioritised bringing prosperity to the people.

"We hope the people will value our sincerity and honesty in developing the state."

Najib dismissed claims that the Federal Government was neglecting Kelantan.

He said the RM12.11 billion allocation for Kelantan under the 11th Malaysia Plan was the highest amount given to the state under the five-year government plan.

On the Malaysian-North Korean diplomatic issue, Najib said there had been no new developments.

"We cannot negotiate through the press. It is dangerous."