

**Support For Umno In Kelantan Increasing - Mustapa  
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TANAH MERAH, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Many Kelantanese who once rejected Umno are now seen to have given back their support to the party.

State Umno liaison chief Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said besides coming in droves to attend programmes organised by Umno, many Pas supporters had also joined the party.

"I am very happy with the development. If before, they had turned away from Umno, it's not the same now and they are very keen to participate in activities organised by us.

"At the same time, thousands of Pas supporters have joined Umno, showing that substantial support have gone back to Umno," he said at a "Selamat Tinggal Pas (Goodbye Pas) programme in Kampung Kusial Baharu, here, last night.

At the event, about 300 once-hardcore supporters of Pas submitted membership forms to join Umno to Mustapa, with Tanah Merah Umno division chief Datuk Ikmal Hisham Abdul Aziz also present.

Mustapa said these Pas supporters decided to join Umno as they were disappointed with what was happening in Pas, especially over the hudud issue.

"They now know what Pas really is, as it has failed to bring Kelantan and its people to a higher level," he added.

Meanwhile, former Kampung Kusial Baharu Pas secretary, Zahari Hamat, 46, said he and the others decided to join Umno because they were frustrated with the lies of the Pas leaders who could no longer be considered to be fighting for the people.

"Some of us had been long in Pas, but what we've been hearing is one lie after another, so we feel Umno is the right place for us to be," he said.

His friend, Kamaruddin Abdul Halim, 48, urged other Pas supporters to leave Umno, which he said, was clearly struggling for the interest of the people.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's sincere intention to help the people could clearly be seen in the 2012 Budget.

"We see that a lot of assistance is being given to the people, and we feel Pas will not be able to do so because it does nothing but politicking, round the clock," he said.

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