

**Administrating Kelantan Can Be Easier With Umno, PAS Cooperation - Muhyiddin Bernama
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KOTA BAHARU, Nov 23 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today it will facilitate the administration of Kelantan if Umno and PAS can work together without any misunderstanding.

"It will be lovely if we can work as a team," he said when responding to a question from Limbungan state assemblyman Zainuddin Awang Hamat of PAS.

Zainuddin Awang had asked about the oil royalty payment to Kelantan at a dialogue the deputy prime minister had with the people at the Kelantan Trade Centre here as part of his day-long visit to the state.

Muhyiddin said cooperation between Umno and PAS would facilitate all administrative and political matters without any problem.

He also said that a final decision had yet to be made on the question of oil royalty payment to Kelantan as the matter is still under discussion.

He said the issue of oil royalty is linked to legal and constitutional aspects.

As such, he added, it would facilitate the matter if Umno and PAS could work together as a team.

The PAS-led Kelantan government is said to be ineligible for oil royalty payment because the oil wells are located beyond the three nautical miles of its territorial waters from the shore.

Nevertheless, the federal government has given a compassionate fund to the state early this year, totalling RM25 million.

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