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UMNO YOUTH RESPECTS MUHAMMAD'S DECISION

KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (Bernama) -- The Umno Youth Movement respects Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib's decision to resign from his post, its head Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said today.

"What he has done is a big sacrifice to maintain the party's image," he told reporters after attending the national seminar to increase the number of middle-class Malay entrepreneurs here.

Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamad, who was also present, said Muhammad's decision was a tough one, being head of the Selangor Umno and government.

Mustapa, also an Umno Supreme Council member, said Muhammad's sacrifice should be a model to other leaders.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad announced Muhammad's resignation, to take effect from Monday, at a news conference after the Umno Supreme Council meeting here today.

In KOTA BAHARU, Kelantan Umno expressed sadness over Muhammad's resignation as the case has not been decided by the Australian court.

Kelantan Umno deputy liaison chief Datuk Annuar Musa said, "I believe Muhammad has considered the matter before making his decision."

Annuar said all parties should exercise patience and not view Muhammad's resignation as admission of guilt.

"Instead we should accept that his sacrifice is for the party and nation," he said. -- BERNAMA

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