

# Division to appeal against sacking

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BUKIT MERTAJAM: The Permatang Pauh Umno division will appeal to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to reinstate its former chairman Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim into the party and Cabinet.

Acting chairman Datuk Ahmad Saad said yesterday the division would seek an appointment with the party president next week before sending a delegation to Kuala Lumpur.

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He said the division would also carry out a signature campaign from the 13,000-odd members which would be included in the appeal letter to Dr Mahathir.

"The Permatang Pauh division abides by Dr Mahathir's decision to sack Anwar as Deputy Prime Minister and expel him as Umno member.

"However, we still love

Anwar and we want to do what we think is the best for the country," he said after chairing a meeting with the division's exco members and the Wanita wing at its headquarters in Sungai Semambu here yesterday.

On Anwar's proposal to set up a reform movement, Ahmad said the Permatang Pauh division would remain in Umno.

"We are party men. We work within the party. We support the party leadership."

Ahmad said he had also advised members not to do anything hasty.

He said Umno members should abide by the law and party rulings and to inform the division of any move they intend to take.