

It's fate, Perak Youth tells Anwar ³⁵

IPOH: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim should accept his expulsion from the party as fate, Perak Umno Youth chief Jamal Nasir said.

"In Islam, one must see and accept the decision as fate and that the decision is Allah's will.

"We have to accept what has been destined by Allah and we should know the reasons behind what has happened," he told reporters after a 90-minute briefing by Perak Umno chief Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib on Anwar's sacking.

Jamal, who was seen wavering in his views on the sacking, cleared the air yesterday.

Sitting with Ramli and state Wanita chief Ainon Khariyah Datuk Abu Abas at a press conference, Jamal said the state Umno Youth had pledged to support Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the state Umno Youth had accepted "with an open

heart" the decision to expel Anwar from the party and sack him from the Cabinet.

Jamal said Perak Umno Youth had the fullest confidence in Dr Mahathir in overcoming the problems facing the country.

"We advise all Youth members to remain calm and not take any action which can threaten the stability of the country and party," he said.

Jamal said that in his telephone conversation with Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi yesterday, the latter had assured him that the movement would make a stand soon, taking into account the future of the younger generation in the party.

"If there are differences of opinion we must respect that and I am sure that he also respects the grassroots' opinions," he said.

In Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Umno Youth chief Jema Khan Abdul

Majid said leaders who could not accept the decision of the supreme council should quit.

Jema said party leaders who were still seen with Anwar should face disciplinary action as they could be construed as opposing the supreme council's decision.

At yesterday's meeting with 20 state Youth division leaders, Jema said, all of them voiced their support for any action to be taken by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said Sabah Umno Youth also regretted that some NGOs were spreading false information about Anwar's expulsion from the party.

In Malacca, state Youth chief Nazri Adzim said Umno Youth should make preparation to counter Anwar's move to influence students to join the reformation movement which could cause a split in this country.