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ACCEPT ANWAR'S REMOVAL, CIVIL SERVANTS TOLD

KANGAR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim today urged civil servants in the state to accept the realities of the present situation including the removal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister.

He said he did not want them to misinterpret what was happening and criticise the government, especially Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"As government officials and staff, I am sure you can think rationally as the Prime Minister would surely not have acted drastically if the matter was not related to economic problems and national security," he told a weekly gathering of civil servants here.

Shahidan urged all civil servants in the state to support Dr Mahathir in his efforts to revive the country's economy.

Meanwhile, Shahidan's political secretary, Baharudin Ahmad, said the Menteri Besar had sent a message of support to Dr Mahathir on behalf of the state Umno liaison committee and elected representatives.

According to the message, the state Umno accepted the decisions taken by Dr Mahathir on Anwar's position in the government and party.

Perlis Umno Youth chief Zahidi Zainul Abidin, in a statement today, said the movement fully supported Dr Mahathir's action to remove Anwar from the cabinet.

He said Anwar should apologise to Dr Mahathir and Umno members to enable him to return to the party in future, instead of aspiring to lead a reformation movement in the country.

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