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ANWAR'S EXPULSION FROM UMNO AN INTERNAL MATTER - DR ABDUL HAMID

PULAU PINANG, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The expulsion of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from Umno is an internal party matter and outsiders have no right to question the dismissal, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman said today.

Similarly, the sacking of Anwar as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister was the prerogative of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he said.

Dr Mahathir's actions were in line with the party's constitution and Umno members have been briefed about it, said Dr Abdul Hamid, a Supreme Council member.

"What surprises us is that non Umno members are questioning the decisions as they did not support Anwar when he was with us," he told reporters after opening the eksponeka organised by the Jelutong Umno division, here.

Dr Abdul Hamid also said the PAS-led Malaysian People's Justice Movement Council (Gerak) should not meddle in Umno's affairs.

"Anwar's issue has nothing to do with them. It is a matter for Umno to handle," he said.

Earlier, in his speech, Dr Abdul Hamid said Umno's interests must reign supreme should there be problems among party leaders.

"Umno's strength must be given priority and members must be prepared to sacrifice their personal interests," he said.

He called on Umno members to pursue the party's agenda and play their role to preserve political stability in the country as it is the main factor to attract foreign investments to Malaysia.

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