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DR MAHATHIR'S EXPLANATION ON ANWAR SACKING ADEQUATE- SHAHIDAN

KANGAR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said today the explanation given by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on his sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister is very clear and it is up to the people to accept it.

It was up to the people to accept it or reject it, as further explanations on it would be wasted on people who had made up their mind not to accept it, he said.

"Such people will always claim that the explanation is inadequate," he told reporters after chairing a meeting of the State Executive Council here.

Shahidan, who is also Perlis Umno Chief, hoped Umno members would accept the Prime Minister's explanation without turning it into an issue which would be exploited by the opposition.

He said the reasons given by the Prime Minister were adequate in providing the actual picture on the situation.

Dr Mahathir had considered the matter in depth before deciding to sack his deputy, he added.

The Menteri Besar nevertheless said a series of information sessions for Umno members at all levels would be organised so that they would understand "the actual situation surrounding the sacking of Anwar."

Shahidan also advised students to accept the Prime Minister's explanation and not to get involved in any activity expressing support for Anwar as this could weaken their studies and disappoint their parents.

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