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MELAKA'S FIVE UMNO DIVISIONS SUPPORT ANWAR'S DISMISSAL

MELAKA, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- All five Umno divisions in Melaka support Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's removal from the party and the Cabinet, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin said today.

The Youth and Wanita wings in all five divisions have also given their full backing, he said.

Abu Zahar, who is the state Umno liaison committee chief, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad acted against Anwar because of his former deputy's alleged moral misconduct.

"Therefore Dr Mahathir did not have any alternative but to take the drastic action to clean up and save the party, because Umno has all this while never compromised on any form of misconduct," he said.

He told reporters this after a special briefing on current issues at the Al-Azim state mosque which was also attended by other Umno division chiefs including Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam.

Abu Zahar said Melaka Umno would hold briefing sessions for grassroots leaders on the reasons for Anwar's removal.

He advised Umno members in the state not to be easily influenced by any negative propaganda or attend gatherings organised by others.

Replying to a question, Abu Zahar denied that he was aligned to Anwar and that the former deputy prime minister was responsible for his appointment as chief minister last year.

He said Anwar had only announced his appointment, and at the time Dr Mahathir was on leave abroad.

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