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`Negri to support whoever Dr M picks as deputy'

SEREMBAN, Sun. - Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad said the State Umno would support any party leader appointed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as his new deputy.

He said although the Prime Minister could appoint anyone he pleased, Dr Mahathir still wanted the views of party leaders on the appointment.

"The State Umno will fully support any decision taken by the party president and is confident that the appointment would be for the good of the people and the country," he said today.

On the statement by Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi that he would go around the country to explain the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister and Umno deputy president, Isa said it should be viewed positively.

Although Zahid was no longer Umno Youth chief, he could still help the party to make people understand the reasons behind the sacking of Anwar.

The party needed all the help possible to revive the economy and continue with its development plans.

Ahmad Zahid resigned as Umno Youth chief on Friday.

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