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Proposal for assembly to decide on Zahid's position

IPOH, Fri. - State Umno Youth secretary Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Rahman Nazri has proposed a Youth assembly to discuss the position of the movement's national chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Abdul Muhaimin said the meeting should be held soon to discuss Zahid's fate "for the sake of the party".

He also said should Zahid step down, it would give the movement "breathing space" to carry out its responsibility to protect the interest of the Malays, religion and country.

Abdul Muhaimin, who is also Bagan Serai Youth head, was commenting on Zahid's refusal to resign as the movement's chief.

Zahid said yesterday the Youth Exco would leave it to party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the supreme council to decide on his position.

The Exco members had asked Zahid to resign at a meeting yesterday, which was convened in the wake of mounting pressure on Zahid to state his stand on the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister and his expulsion from the party.

In Malacca, State Umno Youth chief, Nazari Adzim said he would let Zahid make his own decision on whether to stay on as the movement's leader.

"It will also be up to the supreme council to decide whether any action should be taken against Zahid."

Nazari added that the movement here would comply with any decision made by party leaders and also reiterated its support for Dr Mahathir's decision on Anwar's removal.

He also urged Youth leaders in Malacca to be patient and continue to uphold the party's struggles.

"If there is any problem, it must be solved through meetings and consultations with party leaders."

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