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ZAHID THANKFUL TO MT FOR NOT EXPELLING HIM

BAGAN DATOH, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- Former Umno Youth leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today thanked the Umno Supreme Council for giving him show-cause letter instead of expelling him from the party.

He said the decision of the Supreme Council meeting chaired by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last night had enabled him and 17 others to defend themselves.

"I'll reply the show-cause letter as soon as possible once I receive it from party headquarters," he said when met by reporters after meeting Bagan Datoh Umno and Barisan Nasional leaders as well as community leaders here.

Zahid, who is Bagan Datoh Umno divisional head, said he called Umno headquarters this morning to get confirmation on the decision after reading about it in the newspapers.

"The show-cause letter shows that I and 17 others have been given the opportunity to defend ourselves and this is justice in Umno," he said.

On the closed door meeting, Zahid said it was the first in his series of information sessions which he promised after resigning from his post as leader of the Umno Youth last week.

He said he would not mind addressing members and leaders in other Umno divisions if invited.

Zahid said he would discuss with acting Umno Youth leader Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein of any possibility of him helping out in special programmes organised by the Umno Youth.

"As former leader of the movement, I feel I have the responsibility to clear any confusion," he said.

Zahid who was recently detained under the Internal Security Act (ISA) said he did not want Umno Youth members to have the wrong impression about him.

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