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ZAHID TRIES TO EVADE PRESS AFTER BEING REBUKED AT UMNO ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who was sharply criticised at the party general assembly today for raising the issues of nepotism and cronyism, attempted to evade reporters after the assembly ended.

Several journalists had waited for the youth chief to approach at the exit near Dewan Merdeka in the Putra World Trade Centre here, but he did not appear.

However, when they saw his car moving to the back of the hall, the journalists rushed there, and they saw Zahid walking out with several Umno Youth executive committee members.

Zahid smiled at the reporters but declined to comment on party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's closing speech in which he hit out at the Youth chief for bringing up the issues of nepotism and cronyism in the mass media.

"Thank you for waiting so long for me.. no news.. everthing's okay," he said as he walked to the waiting car.

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