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Abu Zahar-Waad

IT'S BETTER THAT WAAD RESIGNS, SAYS ABU ZAHAR

KUALA PILAH, Dec 17 (Bernama) -- It is better for Datuk Waad Mansor to resign from the State Executive Council to safeguard the good name of Umno and the state government, said Kuala Pilah Umno divisional head Datuk Abu Zahar Ujang today.

He said Waad still had two more corruption charges pending against him in the Seremban High Court.

"Even though he was already freed of three of the five corruption charges, the case is not over since the Attorney-General has appealed against the Seremban High Court's decision," he said in a statement issued at a news conference, here.

Kuala Pilah Wanita Umno chief Datuk Napsiah Omar who is also Member of Parliament for Kuala Pilah was also present. She is also state Wanita Umno chief and vice-head of the national Wanita Umno.

Abu Zahar, who is a member of the Negeri Sembilan Umno Liaison Committee, said Waad, who is the state assemblyman for Gemencheh, should resign now like he did in the past when the corruption charges were brought up against him.

If he didn't, action could be taken against him under the General Orders like any other civil servants or else it would lead to various speculations that could mar the image of the state government and the party, he said.

Apart from Abu Zahar, Lenggeng state assemblyman Datuk Ishak Ismail and Napsiah have also expressed objection to the appointment of Waad as a Exco member.

"I and the other party leaders in the Kuala Pilah division support their (Ishak and Napsiah) action to uphold justice," he said.

Abu Zahar took Mohamed Isa, who is Negeri Sembilan Umno chief, to task for making decision without hearing the views of party divisional heads.

"Party president and the Umno Supreme Council should take a serious view of unreasonable action if we are to regain the dignity of the party," he said.

"We love Umno and the Barisan Nasional (BN) government but if some Umno leaders do not respect the decision made at the branch and divisional levels...it could weaken and destroy the party," he said.

He said that in the controversy over Waad's appointment, it was clear that Mohamed Isa should be held accountable as he was the one who presented the names of those to be appointed as Exco members to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said they had been very patient with Mohamed Isa and the appointment of Waad was the last straw.

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