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Shahidan thanks PM for refuting rumours

PADANG BESAR, Tues. - Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim today thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for refuting rumours of any leadership change in the State.

He said the statement by Dr Mahathir yesterday, which also dismissed allegations in the Internet of Kedah as another State which will have a new leader, should put the issue to rest.

"I will, however, abide by any decision by Dr Mahathir because the appointment and dismissal of a Menteri Besar is the prerogative of the Prime Minister, with the consent of the Sultan."

Shahidan was speaking to reporters after officiating a ground breaking ceremony of a housing project by Aksi Bina Puri Holding Bhd and Perlis Economic Development Board in Beseri.

In another function last night, Shahidan accepted the applications from 70 former Pas Youth wing members from Jelempek and Cantik Bangun, to join Umno.

Speaking at a gathering organised by Umno Gua Sanji Division, he told party members to ignore attempts made by the opposition parties, in particular Pas, to smear Umno leaders.

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