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ZAHID SAYS DR MAHATHIR A TRUE DEMOCRAT

IPOH, Nov 19 (Bernama) -- Former Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today paid tribute to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a true democrat as he has been magnanimous in the selection of candidates once associated with former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the Prime Minister has shown his sincerity by adopting an open mind in the picking candidates without being vindictive against former Anwar supporters.

"My selection as a candidate also showed Dr Mahathir is a leader who doesn't harbour ill-feelings," said Zahid, who was aligned to Anwar.

He has been renominated for the Bagan Datoh parliamentary seat he won in the last election.

Husni Hanadzlah, another Anwar supporter, would defend the Tambun parliamentary seat. It was widely speculated that Zahid and Husni would be dropped in this election.

He said Dr Mahathir considered everyone proposed as candidates in the interests of Umno and BN.

" We must look at Dr Mahathir's decision in a positive light and his ways must be emulated by all," said Zahid, who quit his Umno Youth chief's post last year following his open support to Anwar.

Anwar was sacked from the government and Umno in September last year.

Asked whether he expected to be renominated, Zahid said he had always prayed to God for the best.

"I'm grateful to Dr Mahathir for retaining me. I'm confident to win in Bagan Datoh," he said.

Zahid also said Parti Keadilan Nasional led by Anwar's wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail had no place in Malaysian politics.

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