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Pas must be sincere in willing to review stand, says Umno Youth

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Pas must be sincere and willing to review its stand about Umno being its enemy for the dialogue between both parties on the definition of an Islamic country to achieve its objective.

Umno Youth Exco member Dr Zambry Abd Kadir made the call today as the movement was worried about Pas diverting the focus of the dialogue by giving a lot of excuses and bringing up side issues.

"When this happens, Pas will conclude that Umno is the one at fault," he said in a Press statement.

To avoid this, Zambry said, Pas should make changes and look deep into themselves first.

One of the changes, he said, was that Pas should stop labelling Umno as a secular party.

"It is unlikely the dialogue will proceed effectively should Pas continue to view a party (Umno) to be unIslamic, secular and cruel because Pas (representatives) will not be open-minded in ensuring a fair discussion," he added.

In addition, Zambry said, Pas ought to change their political thinking and stop comparing what is halal (legitimate) in Pas to what is haram (forbidden) committed by Umno.

He also advised those involved in the dialogue to look into all aspects and not only on legal matters.

"The dialogue should study on the issue of nationality and modern living in tandem with the teachings of Islam and Umno's stand as well, as what had been punctuated by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Islam is the way of living."

Zambry also called upon Pas to explain to the people what they had done so far.

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