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Swear in mosque, Azmin challenged

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib, who had earlier denied discussing politics with an opposition leader in front of the Kaabah in Mecca, is prepared to swear in a mosque to prove his point.

He challenged Selangor Keadilan head Azmin Ali who said that both of them had discussed politics in front of the Kaabah, one of Islam's holiest sites.

Muhammad, the former Selangor Menteri Besar, said he was willing to swear in the mosque with Azmin, to prove that Azmin was not telling the truth.

"Azmin should not use the Kaabah to lie. I happen to meet Azmin in Madinah but we did not discuss politics. A person who professes to be obedient to Allah should not twist the truth on what happened in the Holy Land," Muhammad was quoted as saying in Umno's electronic newsletter, Umno-Online.

Azmin, who is also Hulu Kelang State Assemblyman, claimed recently that during his encounter with the former Menteri Besar in Saudi Arabia, Muhammad criticised the Government and the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I do not know what is Azmin's motive but it has ill-intention. This is why he should be responsible for what he says and swear in a mosque. He should not use religion for his own ends," added Muhammad.

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