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ZAINOL SAYS HE WILL ABIDE BY UMNO MT DECISION

ALOR SETAR, May 22 (Bernama) -- Kedah State Executive Councillor Datuk Zainol Md Isa said today he would abide by the decision of the Umno Supreme Council (MT) which found him guilty of money politics.

"I accept the decision and support move by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to eradicate money politics among Umno members," he said when contacted in Kuala Lumpur.

However, he said he would still appeal to the Umno disciplinary board to clear his name.

On his position as state executive councillor, Zainol said he would discuss it with the Umno leadership and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

The MT yesterday endorsed the decision of the disciplinary board, announced on May 5, in finding six party leaders including Zainol guilty of money politics in the recent divisional elections.

Following the decision, Zainol was stripped off his position as Baling divisional chief, the post he won by 107 vote-majority when he defeated incumbent Datuk Raja Ariffin Raja Sulaiman in the recent party elections.

Zainol is also barred from contesting, being elected or appointed any post in the party for six years.

"I appeal to my supporters to remain calm and accept the decision," he said of the MT's decision to awarded the post of the Baling divisional head to Raja Ariffin.

Zainol, however, strongly believed that his case had nothing to do with money politics as it only involved the 4B Youth of which he is chairman of the Baling and Kedah 4B Youth.

He said it became an issue when the Baling 4B Youth meeting at a hotel in Sungai Petani last month was also attended by several members of the Baling district's Kampung Development and Security Committee (JKKK).

Zainol said the JKKK members were present to discuss the activities proposed for young farmers programme between Baling 4B Youth and JKKK.

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