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PAS USING DR MAHATHIR'S ISSUE AS CAMPAIGN STUFF, SAYS ZAM

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Pas has started using the resignation issue of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a campaign material in the run-up to the Anak Bukit state and Pendang parliamentary by-elections in Kedah.

Information Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said the party had begun campaigning by saying that Malaysia now had two prime ministers.

"They said in Parliament today there are two prime ministers (in the country). Where there are two prime ministers. Dr Mahathir Mohamad is still the Prime Minister and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is his deputy," he told reporters here today.

Zainuddin said the Anak Bukit and Pendang by-elections were crucial for Barisan Nasional (BN) and Pas.

"As such, we want to see a clean campaign and hoped Pas will not misinterpret Dr Mahathir's withdrawal from government and party posts as he is still the Prime Minister," he said.

The by-elections will be held following the death of Pas president Datuk Fadzil Noor on Sunday. Fadzil was the Anak Bukit state assemblyman and Member of Parliament for Pendang.

Earlier, Zhaou Shi, China's Vice-Minister for Radio, Film and Television, called on Zainuddin to discuss ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in the broadcasting field.

"We have news, film and information material exchanges with China. We hope cooperation in the cultural field can be strengthened and implemented more efficiently," he said.

He said Kuala Lumpur and Beijing would hold discussions to have more film exchanges and training in film production which have not been carried out effectively.

"We will also hold talks on cooperation in technical field and exchange of documentaries, television dramas, news briefs and entertainment programmes," he added.

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