

Umno veeps will defend their posts, declares Zahid

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Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today announced that all three incumbent vice presidents in Umno will be defending their posts in the coming party elections.

"I have made my stand pretty clear about this. I will defend (my position)," Zahid, who is one of the three vice-presidents, told a press conference in Kuala Besut today.

NONEThe other two incumbents are Defence Minister Hishamuddin Hussein and Rural and Regional Development Minister Mohd Shafie Apdal (left).

When queried by reporters if they had "bigger plans" in mind, Zahid indicated that the trio are content to defend their existing positions.

He added that all three of them were open to challengers.

Yesterday, Shafie had already announced that he was gearing up to defend his incumbency.

Former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad had last month voiced support for Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin to respectively retain the Umno presidency and deputy presidency without any challenges.

However, a battle is brewing for the position of Wanita Umno chief as incumbent Shahrizat Abdul Jalil and challenger Azalina Othman have both expressed their intentions to go for the post.

Meanwhile, Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin has said he supports an open contest for his position but it is still unclear if he will face a challenge.

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