

Anwar commends Ahmad Zahid's positive response

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PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim has welcomed Umno vice-president Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's (right) positive response to having bilateral talks between BN and Pakatan Rakyat.

In commending this, Anwar said this was the first positive response from a senior Umno leader to his call for a dialogue and reach a consensus on critical issues for a nation.

"I will have to explore this and look to get the PKR secretary-general to respond directly to him," said the opposition leader.

"We will wait for the outcome."

Asked whether this is an indication of a unity government, Anwar simply replied, "No".

"There is no relevance of a unity government, as I have spelt out the issues.

"We need a consensus on the fundamental issues affecting the nation, which I referred to yesterday," he said.

Religion, corruption among the issues

The issues are religion, corruption and the economy.

Under these, Anwar said, the people were facing serious economic challenges and hardships.

"We need to address the issues," he said.

Earlier today, Ahmad Zahid, during a monthly briefing with Home Ministry officers, expressed willingness for bilateral talks between Umno and PKR following Anwar's address to the nation yesterday.

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