

## **Muhyiddin not involved in 'topple' plot**

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Former deputy prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin is not involved in the plot to topple the government, Umno vice-president Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said.

The deputy prime minister said he had to reveal the matter as he and Perak Menteri Besar Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir were close with the Umno deputy president.

"I have to reveal this in Lumut because personally I and Zambry are close with Tan Sri Muhyiddin.

"Zambry and I have fallen together (in politics). We understand how it feels, so we don't step or stamp on people who fall," Zahid said when opening the Lumut Umno divisional delegates meeting in Seri Manjung, Perak, last night.

Also present were Zambry (photo), who is Perak Umno chief and Lumut Umno division leader and Perak Umno secretary Saarani Mohammad.

Zahid said the plot was to coax 37 Members of Parliament from the BN, 87 from the opposition and an Independent member so that a motion of no-confidence in the government could be tabled in Parliament, after the Budget is tabled in October.

"They will use the point of order to challenge the speaker by saying they have the majority, which is 125," he said.

Zahid said a leader should not be sentenced by the people's court by raising various baseless issues without going through the legal process.

"This, purportedly is not a plot to topple the government, but to bring down Najib Abdul Razak and for the purpose of forming a unity government," he added.

He said it should not be allowed to happen because the people should regard the prime minister as an institution that should be upheld.

"We do not want Malaysia to be ruled by a puppet prime minister who is appointed based on a muta'ah political marriage. I am willing to shed my blood to defend the country because I do not want the country to be governed by parties entering through the back door," Zahid added.

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