

They're out to sink Najib's ship, Zahid tells S'wakians
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Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said Prime Minister Najib Razak is a victim of malicious and diabolical attacks both from within and outside the country.

"There are even people in the country out to drill a hole in his boat so that it will sink," he said in Sarawak today.

He thus urged the people to help Najib by giving him their fullest support to prove his detractors wrong since he had all along been working in their best interest.

"In the case of Sarawak which is facing its next state election soon, I hope the people will not shy away from giving the strongest majority to the BN," he said as this would essentially reflect their support for Najib's leadership.

He was at a "meet-the-people" session at Rh Mathew Manai Tan in Kampong Melikin Danau, Kerengas B in Balai Ringin, located more than 100 kilometres from Kuching, to announce that the Home Ministry has approved the applications from a group of 1,600 people in Sarawak who had faced problems in getting their birth certificates and identity cards.

Zahid, who is also home minister, said today that the National Registration Department was expected to ready the documents for them beginning in Tamin in the Sibu Division, soon.

Ahmad Zahid said Najib had during a cabinet meeting directed the formation of a taskforce to solve problematic applications.

"As the minister responsible, I have used the power vested in me to speed up the approvals, after all the parents and children are all local born.

"The children, especially those who are students, certainly need such documents to continue on with their education," he said.

'Not lip service'

He added because of Sarawak Chief Minister Adenan Satem's close relationship with Najib, he would help to bring more developments particularly, in the state's rural areas.

"It is vital to have a very close relationship between federal and state leaders, MPs and assemblypersons and others concerned.

"This will enable all parties to effectively help rural folks who still need more development," he said.

Ahmad Zahid said he hoped to visit the state and in particular its rural areas, at least once every month in this respect.

"I will come but I will not be merely paying lip service because there are people who have always supported the government and they deserve to be helped," he said.

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