

Zahid warns BN against attempts to topple PM
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Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi repeated his warning to BN members of Parliament who are alleged by certain people to be involved in a plot to topple the government by not supporting the Budget 2016.

Zahid said he knows who are the MPs involved in a conspiracy to topple the government and Prime Minister Najib Razak because the plot has been in motion for three to four months now.

"I know that BN MPs have been influenced by then opposition and some have also held the government at ransom. I will personally monitor each and every MPs who comprise (134 BN MPs) who reject the Budget 2016," he said in his speech when closing the Terengganu Umno convention which was also attended by Terengganu Umno liaison chief Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman at the Primula Beach Resort Hotel, Kuala Terengganu last night.

He said the conspirators were also using the 1Malaysian Development Berhad (1MDB), RM2.6 billion allegedly in Najib's personal accounts and Goods and Services Tax (GST) to topple the government and the prime minister.

Zahid said the government of the day is the government that was elected via the democratic procedure and Umno members must defend the cause to ensure the welfare of the people and the country.

The Umno vice-president said Umno has never been without crisis and conflicts since its formation 69 years ago, including when Mahathir Mohamad was the Prime Minister.

He said in Umno, changes in the leadership was a normal process and not something new in a political party that has been the pillar of BN.

"We have been taught to be loyal to our leaders who were chosen by the people. It is not a culture in Umno to stab our own leaders from the back. Every conflict or crisis must be faced and resolved together," he said.

Ensure bigger win in GE14

He also urged Terengganu Umno members to stand firmly behind the menteri besar to ensure BN achieved a bigger success in the 14th general election.

He said the political scenario in Terengganu does not give an edge to the opposition and BN has a bright chance of regaining most of the seats, unlike in the 13th general election whereby BN managed to win only 17 of the 32 state assembly seats.

Also present were Umno vice-president Hishamuddin Hussein, Wanita Umno chief Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, Puteri Umno chief Mas Ermieyati Samsudin, Umno Information chief Ahmad Maslan, executive secretary Ab Rauf Yusoh, Umno Supreme Council member Ahmad Shabery Cheek and Mohd Sharkar Shamsudin.

The Terengganu Umno convention involved 848 delegates from eight divisions and 153 special invited guests comprising Umno veterans, Mubarak members as well as kids from Permata.

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