

DPM: No state election before GE14

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Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today said that there will be no state election before the 14th general election (GE14) and refuted opposition allegations that a state election will be held in Johor.

Ahmad Zahid, who is Barisan Nasional (BN) deputy chairperson, said even though there were views for Johor to hold its state election separately, Johor Menteri Besar Mohamed Khaled Nordin had clearly stated his stand to coordinate election with other states in the peninsula.

"In this regard, in terms of administration, the Election Commission will not be expected to utilise unforeseen allocation," he told reporters after launching the Johor Skills Hub at Johor Education Foundation College in Kota Tinggi today.

Ahmad Zahid said the explanation provided by the menteri besar so far was to ensure continuity of the leadership and the objectives of state government were in line with the federal government's goal.

"We know after they (opposition) won the parliamentary and state seats, they did not make any changes, there was far less development in the areas controlled by them," said Ahmad Zahid, who is also Umno vice-president.

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