

Umno VPs to call for return of 5 state party chief posts

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The three elected Umno vice-presidents are to propose to the party's top leadership that the chairmanship of the Umno liaison committee in five states be returned to the respective state top leadership.

ahmad zahid hamidiOne of the vice-presidents, Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (left), said today they would propose to Umno president Najib Abdul Razak and Umno deputy president Muhyiddin Yassin that the chairmanship of the Federal Territory, Selangor, Terengganu, Penang and Kedah Umno be returned to the respective state Umno leaders as the party had regained its strength in those states.

"Discussions on the matter have been going on unofficially but nothing has been done officially. As the posts were assigned temporarily by the president, discussions must be held with him and his deputy on the return of the posts, and we need some time for this," Zahid, who is the Defence Minister, told reporters after opening the Kemaman Umno Division delegates meeting in Terengganu.

Five branches of the division had submitted resolutions seeking the return of the chairmanship of the Terengganu Umno Liaison Committee, now held by Umno vice-president Hishammuddin Hussein, to Ahmad Said, the menteri besar.

These branches are Kijal; Bukit Teruna; Kuala Kemaman; Peringkat 4, Bandar Baru Cheneh and Rumah Murah Kerteh.

A reshuffle in Umno in April last year saw the chairmanship of the five states assigned to the president, deputy president and the three elected vice-presidents.

Najib took over the chairmanship of the Selangor Umno Liaison Committee, Muhyiddin, the Federal Territory; Hishammuddin, Terengganu; Zahid, Penang and Mohd Shafie Apdal, Kedah.

Zahid, who is also chairperson of the Umno Training Bureau, said the training module would be changed to focus on professional action including assimilating mental and physical strength in confronting issues raised by the opposition through psychological warfare.

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