

Don't be fooled by PKR, says Zahid
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PKR leadership's recent statement against the Malay supremacy concept was only to divert public attention from the party's serious internal problems, said Umno vice-president Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

He said the people should be wary of the statement as it was also aimed at garnering non-Malay support.

"As there are Chinese and Indians in PKR, the party leaders want to please them as they hope to capitalise on the issue in the next general election," he said after witnessing the signing of contracts for players of the Malaysian armed forces team in the Malaysian football league's coming season in Kuala Lumpur today.

NONEZahid was referring to PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail's keynote address at the party's 7th annual national congress on Saturday, in which she said the Malay supremacy concept should be abandoned so that the younger generation would grow up with the vision of 'honourable nation' or 'honourable Malay'.

He said the statement was aimed at scoring points with the people as the party was faced with allegations of fraudulent practices during its election to the central leadership council.

On the promise by PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim that DAP advisor Lim Kit Siang would be made deputy prime minister if the opposition pact wins the 13th general election, Zahid said Lim should not be daydreaming about Anwar's sweet promise.

"Enough of Sept 16, when Anwar tried to be the champion... to be prime minister, to take Putrajaya, but Sept 16 already came and went twice.

"I think with the court case he's facing now and his flip-flopping on various issues, the people will reject him," he said.

Attempt to belittle the Malays

The opposition party is trying to confuse the people by twisting the meaning of ketuanan Melayu, said Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein.

Hishammuddin, who is also Umno vice president, said Wan Azizah's statement on the subject clearly had political motives and was aimed at causing unease among the various races in the country.

NONEHe said PKR leaders would stoop to any level in trying to garner support from the people without thinking of the impact on the long term development of the nation.

"I would like to ask Wan Azizah and the PKR leadership, are they also rejecting the institution of the Malay rulers? What is being raised by PKR is clearly an attempt to belittle the Malays.

"We do not want the institution of the Malay rulers to be also belittled," he said in a statement today.

He said it was there for all to see that non-Malays were also enjoying the fruits of the country's progress, and in fact, had a bigger slice of the economic pie compared to Malays.

He said non-Malays were also free to realise their full potential without any obstacles put in their path.

"Ketuanan Melayu is not to make Malays tuan (masters). Since the birth of Umno decades ago to champion the plight of the Malays, not a single race had been marginalised or became slaves," he said.

Hishammuddin also said the thinking and ideology Anwar was trying to instil appeared to follow the concept and propaganda brought about in the Malayan Union era before Merdeka.

"His actions show he has no regard for the constitution and the laws of the country," he added.

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