

Overcome Negative Perception To Shore Up BN's Credibility
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KUALA LUMPUR -- The negative perception affecting the credibility of Barisan Nasional must be dealt with continuously, Umno vice president Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said on Sunday.

He said this is to allow the public to understand completely the transformation programmes introduced by prime minister Najib Tun Razak.

Ahmad Zahid, who is Defence Minister, said that Najib's charismatic leadership had helped shore up BN's credibility, but others must help to wipe out negative perceptions of Umno and the coalition.

"Although the situation and the leadership have changed, and the dynamics that the prime minister and his deputy (Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin) have brought are well-known, the transformation taking place must be felt on the ground as well," he said.

"This is to ensure they (people at the grass roots) are themselves involved in the transformation," Ahmad Zahid told reporters after opening the Lembah Pantai Umno delegates meeting here.

Ahmad Zahid expressed support for the statement of Perlis Mufti Dr Juanda Jaya that legal action should be taken against the couple in a sex video featuring a man said to resemble opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim.

"Vice in any form is forbidden. In this case, we leave it to the police either to follow the civil or syariah law," he said.

On a report that PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar had received a threat that her three-year-old daughter would be kidnapped if her father did not retire from politics, Ahmad Zahid said it was just an opposition ploy to gain sympathy.

"They are sitting on the edge of a cliff where even a gentle breeze can make them fall. That's why they are looking for something to hold on to," he said.

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