

**DAP To Field Malay Candidates In Next GE Says Zahid**  
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ALOR GAJAH -- Umno vice-president Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has exposed a plan by the DAP to name Malay candidates in several states in the next general election.

He said DAP was now identifying suitable Malays to contest seats in states like Perak, Melaka and Negeri Sembilan.

"They're taking measures to ensure that the candidates (Malays) would be accepted by voters," he told reporters after opening the Masjid Tanah Umno divisional meeting here on Sunday.

Ahmad Zahid, who is Defence Minister, said DAP planned to name Malay electoral candidates in Perak in hopes of conquering the state and naming one of its own as menteri besar.

"This is because the Perak constitution forbids non-Malay from becoming menteri besar. For this reason, the DAP is planning to name a Malay candidate to contest a state seat so that eventually a DAP menteri besar could be sworn in," he said.

In other states, he said, DAP was likely to name Malay candidates in Malay-majority constituencies and in areas where Barisan Nasional (BN) fielded non-Malay candidates.

Ahmad Zahid described the strategy as something that could be plausibly executed by DAP.

He noted that DAP had started a blogsite in Malay after using mainly English and Mandarin to reach out to the people all this while.

"We've managed to sniff out the plan which is concocted without the knowledge of PAS and PKR (Parti Keadilan Rakyat). I'd like to remind PAS and PKR not to become a mere tool of the DAP," he said.

Ahmad Zahid also reminded members of Umno and other BN component parties to be wary of the DAP's ploy.

"We shouldn't remain complacent in the face of DAP's actions. I'd like to urge Malays not to associate themselves with the DAP, whether by becoming their candidates or partners under Pakatan Rakyat," he added.

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