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## PM will solve Perlis crisis soon, says Shahidan

**GUA MUSANG:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has promised to solve the leadership crisis that has beset Perlis Umno, said former Perlis menteri besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim.

Shahidan, who is also an Umno supreme council member, said Najib himself had told him this when he had a meeting with the Prime Minister to state his stand on

the matter a few days ago.

Shahidan said he was standing firm on his principle that he could not work with his successor and Perlis Umno chief Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Isa Sabu despite having been appointed the latter's deputy.

"My appointment as Mohd Isa's deputy is not the issue. My concern is that the leadership crisis in Perlis Umno has dragged on since the

2008 general election and has yet to be resolved," he told reporters here yesterday.

Earlier, Shahidan had attended an aid presentation function at the Civic Centre here where 50 families who were victims of a fire were presented aid by Galas assemblyman Abdul Aziz Yusoff.

Shahidan had been vocal in his criticism of Md Isa who he claimed

was a weak menteri besar and party leader.

He had also questioned the party's decision to retain Mohd Isa as state Umno chief.

Shahidan led Perlis Umno when he served as menteri besar from 1995 to 2008. He was not reappointed menteri besar after the March 2008 general election, but was replaced by Mohd Isa. - Bernama