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Dr Mahathir slammed for supporting Opposition

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SUNGAI BESAR: Barisan Nasional leaders expressed disappointment over Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to campaign for the Opposition in the Sungai Besar and Kuala Kangsar by-elections but do not think that this will affect their chances.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said he did not blame DAP or Amanah but Dr Mahathir himself for his own "confused mind and conflicted soul".

"We hope that fence sitters will not fall for his talk. Let him be confused alone and not confuse others," he told reporters after visiting the media centre here yesterday.

Barisan, he said, would not be affected by Dr Mahathir's campaign, adding that many people still could not accept his ideas.

"I believe that voters and the public who have been supporting Barisan will continue to support us as he (Dr Mahathir) himself has instilled in them during his time to love the party, no matter what."

In Kuala Kangsar, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said he did not think that Dr Mahathir's decision would affect Barisan's chances.

"If I were a voter, I don't think it would affect me because he is not consistent in what he says. He shifts the goal posts. When we reply to an issue he points out, he raises another," he said after meeting the Umno election machinery at Kampung Ketior Luar here.