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Zahid: Ex-leaders shouldn't interfere

'Don't meddle with those currently in office'

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KUALA LUMPUR: Past experience is of value but, veteran politicians should be mindful not to become the object of public scorn.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said those who served in public office or were once elected representatives must not now interfere with those currently in office.

"If we have become an old book with blurred pages on the bookshelf, just remain quiet and don't disturb others around you.

"If the book falls on its own, it will get angry if people start stepping on it," he said at the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of Wisma Mubarak and a related commercial project in Sentul here yesterday.

Although Dr Ahmad Zahid was quick to say that his statement was "only about a book" and did not refer to anyone in particular, it was a veiled reference to former leaders now critical of the Government.

The rift includes the recent setting up of Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and former deputy prime minister Tan Sri

Muhyiddin Yassin who are now allied with the Pakatan Harapan Opposition to wrest power from Barisan Nasional.

Dr Ahmad Zahid also said that veteran politicians should not be too nostalgic but remain relevant to the young generation, particularly first-time voters.

He noted the younger generation, particularly first time voters, were more concerned about the future instead of reminiscing.

"They (young voters) want what is new for them, what is in their future and what they deserve.

"They want something tangible in front of their eyes," he said.

On a separate issue, Dr Ahmad Zahid said the Government would look into helping former elected representatives, particularly those who may be facing hardship surviving on their pensions.

He added that the assistance would benefit both Barisan and Opposition former elected representatives.

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