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# 'High Court meeting not sincere'

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**POLITICAL MOTIVE:**  
Aimed at winning opposition support, says Zahid

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THE meeting between Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was merely a desperate political move without any sincerity, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said.

Zahid, who is also Umno vice-president, said the action by the former prime minister was only aimed at garnering support from the opposition.

"Even though it seems like Dr Mahathir has a big heart in meeting Anwar but there is different meaning for it all.

"The meeting does not mean he (Dr Mahathir) agrees or wants to be friends with Anwar... it has desper-

ate political motive written all over it because the support from the opposition camp towards him is unclear," he said yesterday.

Earlier, Pulau Umno division chief Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed also weighed in on the meeting, saying that it would not boost support for the former prime minister's fledgling coalition.

Instead, he said, the meeting would put off many PKR members, who still recall the episodes in 1998 involving Dr Mahathir and Anwar.

Nur Jazlan said Dr Mahathir's meeting with Anwar was geared solely towards courting PKR's support.

"Many people left Umno to join PKR because of what he did to Anwar.

"There are others in PKR as well as non-governmental organisations (NGOs) who did not like what he (Dr Mahathir) did during his reign as prime minister.

"So, I think the meeting will turn off PKR members and help Umno as well as Barisan Nasional in the next general election, with members leaving PKR to express their unhappiness," he said after launching the Home Ministry's Security Psychol-



**Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the Kuala Lumpur High Court on Monday.**

ogy Seminar 2016 and Security Profiling System (SPIK) here.

Nur Jazlan said the opposition was desperately trying to find ways to unify the weak coalition through anyone, including the former prime minister.

On Monday, Dr Mahathir showed up in court in support of Anwar, who had filed an application for an interim injunction on the National Security Council (NSC) Act.

Jazlan, who is also deputy home minister, said the meeting between the two was allowed by the court to enable them to discuss the NSC Act, and the Prisons Department did not object to the decision.

Dr Mahathir had said that he was only present in court to support Anwar's bid to temporarily block the government from implementing the new law.

In the 20-minute meeting, Dr Mahathir who arrived at 2.50pm, was seen shaking hands with Anwar as he arrived escorted by prison officers to attend a hearing application for the NSC Act.

MIC National Youth leader C. Sivarraajh said Dr Mahathir was merely using Anwar to achieve his political agenda.

He said Dr Mahathir would not stop until he could topple Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at any cost.

He said the meeting was "political expediency at play and to the highest order".

"Does Dr Mahathir have no honour, no principles and no ideology?"

"He maintains that Anwar was morally unfit to succeed him and did so for 18 long years but now all of a sudden he is lowering himself, al-

most prostrating himself before Anwar," he said in a statement to Bernama.

In Seremban, Teluk Kemang Umno division chief Tan Sri Isa Samad said Dr Mahathir's decision to be present in court to support Anwar's bid to temporarily block the government from implementing the NSC Act, could be driven by personal agenda.

"By now, we are all aware of Tun M's intention to remove the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Razak. I think he's desperate for support to achieve his goal."

Isa added that Anwar's desire to become prime minister could also have eclipsed his desire for vengeance towards Dr Mahathir, who was responsible for his unceremonious removal from the government nearly two decades ago.