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'Dr M's U-turn on Anwar reveals his personality'

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Umno members greeting Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambrzy Abdul Kadir (right) at the Kepala Batas Wanita Umno division meeting in Penang yesterday. On Zambrzy's right is Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican. PIC BY AMIR IRSYAD OMAR

KEPALA BATAS: Personal interests drove Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to betray the party he had led for 22 years, a move which revealed his untrustworthiness, a senior Umno leader said.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican said such a matter was evident based on the numerous U-turns made by the former prime minister, following the latest gesture of support made to his former deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Dr Mahathir used to call Anwar disgusting, and his words were widely spread, even to the

grassroots level. Today, he preaches the total opposite. Dr Mahathir made a U-turn by saying that Anwar's imprisonment was unfair and did not go through proper legal channels.

"This clearly shows his personality, being willing to betray Umno, a party he led for 22 years," he said in his keynote speech at the Kepala Batas Wanita Umno division meeting here yesterday.

Present were Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambrzy Abdul Kadir, Pinang Tunggal assem-

blyman Datuk Roslan Saidin, Bertam assemblyman Shariful Azhar Othman and Penaga assemblyman Datuk Mohd Zain Ahmad.

The meeting passed a motion to support the leadership of Datuk Seri Najib Razak as prime minister and Umno president.

Earlier, Zambrzy, who is also an Umno Supreme Council member, said party members must be prepared to repel attacks by the opposition as the 14th General Election drew closer.