

Zuraida: Dr M should stay on as PM for a full term

KUALA LUMPUR: PKR vice-president Zuraida Kamaruddin believes Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad should stay on as the country's Prime Minister for a full term.

"For the sake of the country, if need be for him to be there for a full term, I would welcome it," she said, echoing the sentiment of deputy president Datuk Seri Azmin Ali, who said on Friday he supported that idea.

Zuraida said it would require a full term or five years for the country to stabilise, adding that Dr Mahathir would also be able to set the right foundation for the government to administer the country.

"So, it's easier to hand over (powers) from there. Because the system is there and the framework is there," she told reporters after launching a river cleaning initiative yesterday.

Zuraida said that party members should not be selfish and must put the nation's priorities first.

"If every party member is mature, they will be able to figure out which matter is more important - the development of a nation, the development of an individual or the development of a party," she said.

Zuraida also urged the media not to bother Dr Mahathir about the handover of power.

Asked about a meeting between Opposition politicians and Dr Mahathir on Tuesday to ask him to stay for a full term, Zuraida said she was not present at the meeting.