

Dr M: Zahid wanted to 'berbaik-baik' with me

PUTRAJAYA: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday said Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi met him following expectations that the former would return as prime minister after the 14th General Election.

Although Dr Mahathir, who is now Parti Pejuang Tanah Air (Pejuang) chairman, did not specify the time of the meeting, it is understood the meeting took place soon after Pakatan Harapan had won the election in 2018.

"Accompanied by two or three persons, he came to meet me at my house.

"He wanted to *berbaik-baik* (befriend) with me after there

was a possibility that I would become prime minister again.

"However, I knew of his problems then and that there was possibility he would be arrested for allegedly committing graft."

He said this at the launch of the Pejuang's Aspirasi Johor manifesto for the state election here.

Dr Mahathir, who is Langkawi member of parliament, claimed Zahid tried to look for ways to get the corruption charges against him dropped after Perikatan Nasional (PN) had come to power.

PN chairman and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, at a ceramah in Tangkak, Johor



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad

on Feb 16, said Zahid had paid several visits to his home with files to have his charges dropped a few days after the former was sworn in as prime minister in 2020.

Muhyiddin alleged that Zahid had sought his help and the latter claimed he had not committed any crime.

Muhyiddin said Bersatu Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and Pas president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang were at his home when Zahid showed up.

Zahid has denied these claims.