

# PM: ZAHID AND I HAVE SET ASIDE DIFFERENCES

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he had a "hostile" history with his deputy, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, but they have set their differences aside to run the country.

Anwar said he felt that there was strong team spirit between him and Zahid, as well as their colleagues despite their different backgrounds.

"There was a history of disputes, clash of ideas and huge fights, especially with the deputy prime minister on my right (Zahid). But, *Alhamdulillah*, it cannot be denied that the unity of thoughts and determination (between us) exists.

"This cannot be denied. These are facts. We work as a team to save the country and uphold the

Madani concept," said Anwar at the Prime Minister's Department's monthly assembly at Dewan De' Seri Endon here yesterday.

Last month, Anwar launched the Madani concept as an effort to restore Malaysia's dignity and glory in the global arena.

Madani is the Malay acronym for SCRIPT, which stands for sustainability, care and compassion, respect, innovation, prosperity, and trust.

Anwar, who is Pakatan Harapan chairman, formed a unity government with Umno and Barisan Nasional led by Zahid following the 15th General Election as no single party obtained a simple majority.

The cooperation came under fire as Umno and BN had been staunch critics of Anwar, who formed PKR to seek reforms after he was sacked as deputy prime minister during Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's administration in the late 1990s.

On Nov 24 last year, Anwar was sworn in as the 10th prime minister.

On Dec 2, Zahid, who is Umno president and BN chairman, was named deputy prime minister.