

'Hung Parliament' will hurt Bumi agenda, says Umno Youth leader
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 – An Umno Youth leader today defended Datuk Ahmad Maslan's claims that Malays would lose their rights should Pakatan Rakyat win more seats in the next election, saying that it would affect the government's Bumiputera agenda.

Datuk Zaki Zahid told The Malaysian Insider that Ahmad's remarks contained "merit" and said a "hung Parliament" would lead to an unstable government.

"There is merit there, the Bumi agenda may suffer," he stressed, saying that the government will have difficulties implementing planned policies with a weak presence in Parliament.

When asked whether he agreed with Ahmad's remarks, Zaki said that the Umno assembly was a platform for discussing issues affecting Malays.

"We cannot run away from championing the party's cause, its just that we have to find a balancing act," said the Putrajaya Umno Youth chief said.

Ahmad said at a forum this morning that "the Malay language will be lost, say goodbye to the Malay Sultans ... say goodbye to Islam" if the opposition gains more power as DAP "do not respect the royal institution ... (and) are agents of Christianisation."

In turn, PR leaders accused Umno of "doing the same as Hitler" and that the remarks were seditious and could incite racial tension.

"There are a lot of views that DAP are full of extremists," said Zaki today.

Ahmad had claimed the threat of "Malays losing power" was very real as the Chinese community was slowly gaining control of the country's politics and economy.

Umno is currently holding what is likely to be its last general assembly before a general election expected early next year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak is said to need a marked improvement from the last polls to retain his position as only a return of Barisan Nasional's customary two-thirds majority of Parliament can guarantee he remains in office.

BN ceded 82 federal seats and five state governments to the opposition in the landmark March 2008 election.

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