

Zahid Agrees Umno And PAS Have A Dialogue In National Interest
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said he concurred with the suggestion by a former top PAS leader that the two Malay-based parties hold a dialogue in the interest of the nation.

He said Umno might agree to participate in the dialogue if the discussion was directed at forging solidarity among Muslims in the country.

"As an Umno leader, I concur with Nasharudin (former PAS deputy president Nasharudin Mat Isa) as it would bring considerable benefits to Muslims in the country," he said in a statement issued here Thursday.

Nasharudin, when responding to a question from a participant at the International Conference on Global Movement of Moderates, here yesterday said the issue on the proposal for a discussion between Umno and PAS was not on the formation of a coalition but merely to interact for the benefit of the country.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also the Defence Minister, said it was a positive suggestion for the solidarity of the 'ummah'.

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