

KITA: Zamil not party leader
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 26 — The People's Welfare Party (KITA) today denied that Zamil Ibrahim has been appointed as the new head of the party to replace Datuk Zaid Ibrahim, Bernama Online reported today.

KITA secretary Masrum Dayat said in a statement that recent newspaper reports on the purported appointment were erroneous.

He also said an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) supposedly held in Kota Baru yesterday to remove Zaid as president and install Zamil in his place had not been sanctioned by the party.

KITA's Kelantan chief Abdullah Sani Musa was reported to have confirmed that the EGM had taken place yesterday.

The party president may only be replaced according to the party's constitution and rules, Masrum added in the statement.

He countered a KITA central working committee meeting held on February 17 and attended by 25 of its 30 committee members had unanimously rejected Zaid's offer to step down as party president.

He also said KITA would not be dissolved but members who opted to back "renegades" would face stern disciplinary action, including termination of their membership.

Zamil, together with Penang KITA chairman, Tan Tee Beng, who is also Nibong Tebal MP, were sacked by KITA for allegedly breaching party discipline.

KITA will cooperate fully with the Registrar of Societies (ROS) over complaints raised by dissatisfied members, he added.

The party, which was formed a year ago, was issued a show cause letter by the ROS on February 9, asking that it explain why it should not be de-registered following allegations it had violated several provisions of the party and articles of association.

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