

**Zahid Hits Out At Quarters Alleging He Is Contesting For UMNO Deputy Presidency
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BAGAN DATOH, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- UMNO vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi Saturday lashed out at quarters for alleging that he would contest the deputy president's post at the party election this October.

"They are insane," he told reporters after the Perak 1Malaysia Squad gathering with the minister in Bagan Datoh.

He was commenting on a report in a news portal, Free Malaysia Today (FMT) saying that whispers of Ahmad Zahid going for the deputy president's post have started to surface in the towns of Sabah.

According to the report, certain Sabah UMNO groups claimed that Ahmad Zahid might challenge deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin for the post at the UMNO general assembly in October.

Ahmad Zahid, who is Home Minister, said he would however defend the vice-president post which he currently held.

"I have said many times that will only defend the vice-president's post," he added.

Meanwhile, in KUALA LUMPUR, the Federal Territory UMNO deputy liaison head Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin said he was prepared to defend his post in the Supreme Council (MT) in the October party election.

He said the Federal Territory Liaison Body had decided to nominate him and Tan Sri Zulhasnan Rafique to contest in the party poll.

"I thank the Federal Territory UMNO led by its chairman, Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor for the support and nomination," Raja Nong Chik told reporters at the Hari Raya gathering with the Kerinchi PPR Community, in Lembah Pantai.

Raja Nong Chik said that despite his defeat in the last general election, he would continue to serve the people as the Lembah Pantai UMNO division head.

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