

Perlis Umno Opposes Contest For President, Deputy President Posts
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- Perlis Umno has taken a unanimous stand that the president and deputy president posts should not be contested at Umno's polls next month, said its chief Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim.

He said if there were contests (for the two posts), the agenda Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had set for the nation could be upset and in fact could weaken Umno itself.

"Contests should be for strengthening Umno, not weakening the party," he told a press conference here Wednesday.

Shahidan was commenting on media reports which quoted Perlis' Padang Besar Umno head Datuk Zahidi Zainul Abidin as saying that he would support Gua Musang Umno head Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah should the MP for Gua Musang challenge Najib.

Shahidan, who is also Arau MP, described Zahidi's comments as his personal views and had no bearing on the decision taken by Perlis Umno (that the two posts should not be contested).

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