

**PKR Candidate For Kajang Rapacious By Resorting To Early Campaigning - Zahid  
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PUTRAJAYA, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has described PKR candidate for the Kajang state seat by-election, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as "gelojoh" (rapacious) in trying to influence voters by campaigning way before the campaign period.

He said campaigning should appropriately start from the campaign period announced by the Election Commission (EC) - from March 11 after the nomination of candidates until midnight of March 22.

"If we have been lawmakers in the Dewan Rakyat, we should obey the law and set a good example," he told a news conference after attending the ministry's monthly staff assembly, here, Thursday.

Ahmad Zahid said every political party should respect the election law and EC's jurisdiction, whether in the Kajang by-election or any other by-election.

Selangor police have reportedly commenced investigation into the opposition leader's failure to give 10 days' notice before campaigning early in Kajang.

On the postponement yesterday of the court hearing on Anwar's sodomy appeal case, Ahmad Zahid said it could be related to Anwar facing the Kajang by-election.

"This is a normal tactic by the counsel and his client, and it's not the first time. There would always be a tactic for them to postpone the case hearing.

"Although this is allowed according to the regulations and procedure, morally it appears like they are trying to avoid a court hearing from taking place on the dates already set," he said.

On another development, Ahmad Zahid said he had asked all agencies under his ministry in Putrajaya to set each Thursday from 9am to 1pm as their meet-the-customers day.

He said this was to give the public the opportunity to forward complaints or to seek assistance and response with regard to the agencies' services.

"I will lead the session and if I am not around, my deputy Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar or the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Mohamad Khalid Shariff will stand in for me," he said.

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