

## **Zahid should be sacked for dismissing cash for slap threat, says PAS leader**

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A PAS leader has called for the sacking of Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi for dismissing the threat on DAP Seputeh MP Teresa Kok.

The Islamist party's information chief and Pokok Sena MP, Datuk Mahfuz Omar (pic), said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak should not take the matter lightly as it can spark public discontentment and encourage gangsterism among extremists.

"I ask that Najib immediately fire Ahmad Zahid for making an irresponsible statement as a minister," Mahfuz was quoted as saying by PAS's online news portal Harakahdaily.

Yesterday, Zahid said there was no need to investigate those behind a protest on Thursday which saw the public slaughtering of two chickens as a warning to DAP leaders they accused of insulting Malays. The protesters who said they were from the "Council of Islamic NGOs", also offered a RM1,200 reward to slap Kok over her Chinese New Year video which poked fun at Umno leaders.

Zahid had questioned the need to probe the protesters, saying "slapping is not a threat".

Mahfuz said the remark could encourage others to incite racial violence.

"Did Ahmad Zahid not think of what could happen, if there are people who would respond to the reward, and I am sure at that time, it would not be just slaps but worse things could happen," said the PAS vice-president.

"Does Ahmad Zahid want to wait till someone dies before taking action against the individual who offered the reward?"

Following Zahid's statement, the organisers of the protest have vowed to hold more protests if "things do not change", accusing opposition politicians of chauvinism. - February 9, 2014.

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