

Is there truth in every utterance by Zahid?

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A recent royal rebuke makes the DPM's statements suspect, says PKR's Fahmi.

PETALING JAYA: Now that the Johor Crown Prince has exposed Deputy Prime Minister Zahid Hamidi as someone who has made a questionable statement, it will be hard to accept his other statements as accurate, says PKR's communications director Fahmi Fadzil.

At a press conference today, Fahmi referred to the rebuke from the prince that Zahid received for insinuating that his father had faith only in Umno as uniter of the Malays.

News reports on Friday quoted Zahid as saying that he believed the Sultan of Johor was "confident that only Umno can unite the Malays." He made the remark after an audience with the Sultan.

Just hours later, the heir to the Johor throne said in a Facebook posting, "Do not attempt to provide advice to the Sultan for your individual interests."

Fahmi said the issue needed to be clarified as it had left the people confused.

"I think this is an interesting situation," he said. "If his statement in this issue is questionable, what other statements from the Deputy Prime Minister can also be questioned?"

Fahmi said another of Zahid's statements that could be questioned was the one regarding the donors of the controversial RM 2.6 billion deposited in Prime Minister Najib Razak's personal bank accounts.

Zahid said on Saturday that he had met with representatives of the Arab donors and that they told him Malaysia was not the only Muslim country they were giving money to.

"I'm wondering why Muhyiddin Yassin, at the time he was Deputy Prime Minister, did not have time to meet with the donors," Fahmi said.

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