

Retract fake post on move to shut down social media, says Zahid
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Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today demanded the perpetrators, who uploaded a post that he approved the closing down of all social media sites, to retract the fake news.

The post was recently uploaded in www.harianmetro.org with the headings "TPM baru luluskan untuk tutup semua laman sosial" (DPM approves the shutting down of all social media sites) and "Kita akan sekat semua laman sosial Selasa ini" (We will block all social sites this Tuesday).

The post also carries a photo of Zahid, who was just named deputy prime minister last Tuesday, replacing Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Zahid, who is also the home minister, said he has instructed the police to investigate the source of the post, which has since gone viral.

"I am telling whoever behind it to retract the post. Don't wait until the person has to pay a high price for making a stupid slander.

"All social sites and news portals come under the jurisdiction of the Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission. Do not ruin my name.

"The posting appeared to be aimed at making me look as if I don't understand the law, and to make social media users hate me," he told reporters in Penang today after launching the Umno Bayan Batu division delegates meeting this morning.

Zahid, who is Umno vice-president, said there would be no forgiveness for the source behind the posting if the police investigated and found whoever responsible.

He said he was serious about the issue and not fooling around.

"Do not slander me, the country's leadership or any party. Do not misuse the freedom of speech and expression.

"I say again that there will be a high price to pay by whoever is involved. I will find the source (of the post)." he said. – August 2, 2015.

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