

Hishammuddin Confident DPM Has Strong Evidence On Plot To Topple Government
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TEMERLOH, Aug 16 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi may have strong evidence before revealing that a top UMNO leader is the mastermind behind a plot to topple the government through undemocratic means.

UMNO vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said it was a serious matter and it would not have been brought up without facts and basis to convince the people, especially UMNO members.

"It requires strong evidence as such serious matter will not be able to convince the people, especially our members, with merely information.

"I am confident the deputy prime minister has the relevant evidence and they will be discussed at the top leadership, including the form of actions to be taken," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after opening the Kuala Krau UMNO division meeting here today.

The meeting was also attended by Kuala Krau UMNO division head and Dewan Rakyat Deputy Speaker Datuk Ismail Mohamed Said, as well as the division's leaders and its party wings.

Yesterday, Ahmad Zahid said a leading UMNO figure was the mastermind in a plot to topple the government through a vote of no-confidence in Parliament, with the support of Opposition members of parliament.

Former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was earlier mentioned as being linked to a plot to bring down the government under Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, even though it was denied by Muhyiddin, who is also UMNO deputy president.

Commenting further on the matter, Hishammuddin who is also defence minister said UMNO members at the grassroots had been told to leave the matter to the top leadership to discuss, including finding clearer evidence.

"We cannot get out of this issue, if it is not based on certain universal principles such as truth, evidence and rational discussion, as well as other considerations," he noted.

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