

BN Won't Allow Setting Up Of New Govt Via Back Door
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KOTA KINABALU, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) does not allow any attempt to set up a new government via the back door, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi tonight.

He clarified that this was because the current BN government was chosen democratically through a general election (GE).

"What is the use of being given power if we don't know how to use the mandate given to us via the general election.

"BN must be united so that the present government continues to be upheld by UMNO and BN," he said when opening the Penampang UMNO delegates meeting here.

Ahmad Zahid said, although according to the Federal Constitution, the setting up of a new government was allowed via a simple majority of 112 votes in the Dewan rakyat, there are 133 Members of Parliament from among BN who formed the absolute strength obtained via the 13GE.

Ahmad Zahid also reminded the people to reject any attempt to set up a unity government as what had transpired in Perak after 12th general election.

"Although, it was PAS which was helming the Perak state government, they appeared as if led by the nose because DAP was the backbone of the government of Perak," he explained.

He was also confident of Sabah's support for the existing government.

"I am confident Sabah is strong and have a strong conscience to support the government leadership because Sabah is the Barisan government's fixed deposit," he said.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Prime Minister pledged to go down to the ground to help BN candidates in Penampang at the coming GE.

In the 13GE, the Penampang Parliamentary seat fell to Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) while the Moyoq and Kepayan state seats each went to PKR and DAP.

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