

No sacking in tomorrow's Umno meeting, stop speculation, says Zahid
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Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today denied rumours that there will be dismissals among members of the supreme council during a meeting scheduled tomorrow.

Like Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin who was earlier reported as saying that no one will be sacked, Zahid said such matter was not part of the discussion.

Rumours are swirling that the twice-cancelled Umno Supreme Council meeting tomorrow will see the ouster of deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal.

Both party leaders have been vocal over issues related to state-owned investment fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and the transfer of RM2.6 billion into Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal accounts.

"I was never informed and there is no discussion about any dismissals.

"So, please do not raise suspicion and speculate on the matter," he told reporters at a press conference in Putrajaya today.

Muhyiddin has already been sacked as deputy prime minister and replaced by Zahid in a Cabinet reshuffle announced by Najib on July 28.

Earlier today, The Star reported that Khairy had said that tomorrow's meeting would be a "normal, scheduled meeting" and will discuss party "administration matters".

He said he was confident there will be no sacking of any senior Umno leaders.

"We have not had a meeting in three months, so there will be a couple of things to sort out. Of course, we will speak about current political issues," he was quoted as saying in the report.

A message circulating on instant messaging app WhatsApp claimed that Muhyiddin and Shafie, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir, Datuk Seri Ahmad Said, Datuk Hamidah Osman and Datuk Jumat Idris will be axed from Umno in tomorrow's meeting. – September 8, 2015.

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