

Action against Umno members who signed Citizens' Declaration not discussed, says Zahid
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Action against Umno members, who signed the Citizens' Declaration to support the move to oust Datuk Seri Najib Razak as prime minister, has yet to be discussed, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Zahid, who is Umno vice-president, said the Supreme Council had not discussed whether there was a need to hold an emergency meeting on the matter.

"We never talk about it," he told reporters after opening the Perak Umno branches and Perak Wanita, Pemuda and Puteri movements simultaneously in Ipoh today.

On Friday, former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir were among 50 people who signed the declaration to topple Najib led by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Zahid also slammed Mukhriz's allegation that the declaration was not aimed at toppling Barisan Nasional (BN) government but to replace Najib with someone else.

He added that the declaration could jeopardise the country as the prime minister was the leader appointed to lead the government.

"This is not about individuals but institutions that become the top leadership which forms the government and, if, this is violated, it will jeopardise the whole country.

"The leader represents the institution, so in this case all parties whether in the current leadership or not does not need to understand this principle."

Zahid said attempts to oust Najib through the declaration had a silver lining, including further strengthening the support of members for the prime minister and the party.

Zahid said Umno was able to break the movement to topple the current leadership through the declaration by strengthening unity among members.

He said Umno leaders and members at the grassroots must be united to safeguard the party and face all challenges and not by finding faults with someone.

"Do not think we are perfect or indispensable, we have morals and manners. We respect past leaders and cover up their mistakes as we do not want to embarrass them because humiliating someone is not in the teachings of Islamic." – Bernama, March 6, 2016.

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