

**No Sincerity in Mahathir-Anwar Political Meeting - Zahid
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- The meeting between former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his former deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the Kuala Lumpur High Court yesterday was one of political expediency, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The Umno vice-president, who is carrying out the duties of party deputy president following the sacking of Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, said the move by Dr Mahathir to meet his former political rival appeared as a desperate political move to gather support for the opposition.

"It should be seen as a desperate action," he told reporters after a meeting with security industry players at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) here today.

Ahmad Zahid was asked to comment on the meeting between Dr Mahathir and Anwar at the Kuala Lumpur High Court yesterday where Anwar had a case relating to the National Security Council Act.

Mahathir sacked Anwar in 1998 as the deputy prime minister. Anwar was also sacked from Umno.

Anwar was later charged with corruption and separately with sodomy. He was sentenced to six years jail in 1999 on four counts of corruption.

He was released on Sept 2, 2004, after almost six years in prison when the Federal Court allowed his appeal against conviction for sodomy.

He is serving a five-year jail term on another sodomy conviction.

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