

## **Look Ahead So Party Remains Relevant, Not Be Nostalgic With Former Leaders**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- UMNO members must look ahead and understand the behavioural patterns of society so that it remains relevant, instead of being nostalgic about former leaders, said UMNO Vice-President Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Ahmad Zahid, who is performing the duties of the deputy president, said it s better if UMNO members do not make these former leaders heroes.

He said while there could be nostalgia, what was more important was that party members looked ahead.

He said this in a press conference held jointly with vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein after the launching of the 2016 UMNO General Assembly by party president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the Putra World Trade Centre, here today.

Asked if he thought the members were still not looking ahead, Hishammuddin said there was a change of mood at this year's assembly compared to last year's.

"It is very different, there is a sense of family, the spirit to move forward and address criticism," he said.

Asked about the 'political cooperation' with PAS, Ahmad Zahid said at present what was happening between both parties was more towards explaining and understanding.

PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had tabled the Syariah Court (Criminal Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill 2016 at the Dewan Rakyat on Nov 24 after amending the Syariah Court Act (Criminal Jurisdiction) 1965, also known as Act 355.

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