Avoid political instability, Zahid tells Sabahans
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The deputy prime minister says the effects of political instability are not good for the state and its people.

SEMPORNA: Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has reminded Sabahans to learn from the political history of the state and avoid matters which can cause political instability.

He said political instability, as experienced by Sabah before this, should be avoided as its effects were not good for the state and its people.

"We know that United Sabah National Organisation (Usno) and Berjaya had failed.

"I do not believe a snake will bite the same place three times.

"I hope the lesson experienced by Sabahans will not recur as it only resulted in political instability and should be avoided completely.

"I am confident that we have done our best. As normal human beings, we have weaknesses, but it can be improved. If the roof, floor and wall of our house are leaking, we patch it up, we don't tear it down.

"I am confident that the current state leadership are the strong pillars to support the formation of a stable government in Sabah," he told reporters after opening the Semporna Al-Quran Learning Academy (APAQS) in Bugaya today.

Present were Chief Minister and Sabah Umno head Musa Aman and acting Semporna division chief Nasir Tun Sakaran.

Zahid, who is Umno vice-president and undertaking the duties of party deputy president, said when the general election comes, Umno and BN would not be defensive against the opposition and would focus on crushing the issues raised by them.

"The opposition will always be the opposition. They are not worried about anything.

"They want to pour fuel on the fire and we do not want to be firefighters here, but I think the fire needs to be taken away.

"The reality is the people still want the leadership of the present government to administer and fulfil the needs of the people," Zahid said.

Earlier in his speech, Zahid said Umno's door was always open to anybody, including those who had wrongly joined the splinter party led by former Umno vice-president Mohd Shafie Apdal.

Zahid likened those who had made the wrong decision as stepping on a banana skin for looking up, and they should conduct a self-reflection to think carefully so that there were no regrets later.

He said in their anger, they should not make a decision on the spur of the moment.

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