

## **No One Can Drive A Wedge Between Najib And Ahmad Zahid - Ismail Sabri**

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SEGAMAT, Aug 5 (Bernama) --No one drive a wedge between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his deputy Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi apart, said UMNO Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

The Rural and Regional Development minister said the duo were close like family.

"What Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said was not true, so there is no issue that Ahmad Zahid had once supported him (Dr Mahathir) to bring down Najib," he said when opening the Segamat UMNO division delegates conference here today.

Ismail Sabri was commenting on the former prime minister's claim that Ahmad Zahid had once approached him to seek his support to topple Najib as the prime minister.

The issue was deliberately raised by Dr Mahathir to mislead UMNO members and to make them doubt Ahmad Zahid's loyalty towards Najib, added Ismail Sabri.

Meanwhile, in PEKAN, Puteri UMNO chief Datuk Mas Ermieyati Samsudin said the allegation was made to discredit Ahmad Zahid.

She said Ahmad Zahid was very committed in helping Najib as UMNO president.

"UMNO will not be as good today if there is no loyalty shown by Ahmad Zahid," she said after opening the Pekan Puteri UMNO division delegates conference.

In PASIR SALAK, another UMNO Supreme Council member, Datuk Seri Tajuddin Abdul Rahman, said the allegation came after Ahmad Zahid revealed the lineage of the former prime minister.

"Dr Mahathir and Ahmad Zahid's statements are between allegations and fact. What Ahmad Zahid said was fact, but Dr Mahathir's was just an accusation," he said after attending the Pasir Salak UMNO division delegates conference here.

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