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SUPPORT FOR MALAYSIA'S ROLE IN RESOLVING AFGHAN CONFLICT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 24 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth has voiced support for any role played by Malaysia to resolve the conflict in Afghanistan.

Its international affairs bureau secretary Mustapha Yaakub said today the movement had forwarded a proposal for Malaysia to act as a mediator in the conflict at the World Islamic People's Leadership assembly in Libya last month.

A delegation of the international body will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss the matter, he said in a statement.

Afghanistan, through its charge d'affaires Abdul Sattar Murad, recently appealed for Malaysia's help in overcoming the civil war in his country.

Mustapha said Umno Youth is confident that Dr Mahathir has the credibility and ability to help Afghanistan.

Umno Youth is also confident that the friendship between Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and the leader of the Mujahiddeen fighters in Afganistan, Gulbuddin Hekmatiar, will contribute to the success of the mediating efforts, he said.

He said Umno Youth which also has a good relationship with Hekmatiyar is prepared to pave the way for such efforts.

The movement also expressed confidence that other countries with interests in the conflict such as Pakistan, India and Iran will back Malaysia in its efforts. -- BERNAMA

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