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UMNO YOUTH TO SEEK FACTS FROM PERWAJA

KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 (Bernama) -- The Umno Youth movement will send a delegation on a fact-finding mission to Perwaja following the disclosure of possible fraud and malpractices in the debt-ridden company.

Umno Youth chief Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik said today movement was seeking information on all aspects which affected public interest.

"After obtaining the full facts and studying it, we will come out with a firm stand on the Perwaja issue," he told reporters after chairing the Umno Youth exco meeting, here.

Umno Youth exco member Zubir Embong, who is also a member of the Perwaja board of directors, would serve as the delegation coordinator.

Rahim said it was hoped the delegation would be able to obtain all the facts from Perwaja as soon as possible.

Yesterday, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim told the Dewan Rakyat that the preliminary audit on the company which suffered RM2.5 billion in losses revealed elements of malpractice and fraud.

The meeting also selected five Umno Youth exco members led by Rahim who would meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the Chechnya issue and submit a proposal for Malaysia to act as mediator to resolve the Russia-Chechnya conflict.

"We cannot afford to have another genocide and holocaust," Rahim said, referring to war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The movement also set up a Chechnya Fund to collect contributions for the Chechens. Some RM100,000 had already been collected for the fund.

Other matters discussed at the meeting included the possibility of setting up a task force to deal with social diseases, an idea mooted at the Young Leaders Convention organised by the movement three days ago.

Rahim also said Umno Youth would obey the directive issued by the party's Supreme Council that all activities deemed as campaigning for the Supreme Council elections in October cease immediately.

Last Saturday, the Supreme Council decided that all party members planning to contest in the election should register with the party headquarters and campaigning could begin from July 1.

The General Assembly is scheduled from Oct 9 to 12. -- BERNAMA  
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