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ALLOW SYARIAH LAWS UNDER FEDERAL PURVIEW, STATE GOVTS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, July 23 (Bernama) -- The Umno Youth has asked state governments to allow syariah laws be placed under federal jurisdiction.

Its leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said only by doing so, the agenda to bring progress to the Muslims could be carried out effectively.

The confusion now was not because there were flaws in syariah laws but solely due to lack of uniformity, he said in a statement today.

He said the movement also supported Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's initiative to meet the Malay Rulers in efforts to establish uniformity in the administration of Islamic laws in the country.

Dr Mahathir, who returned from a two-month holiday yesterday, said lack of uniformity in Islamic administration had led to numerous problems. --

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