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M'SIA RAPS SOCIALIST YOUTHS FOR SMEAR-CAMPAIGN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 17 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Youth Council (MYC) today hit out at the Vienna-based International Union of Socialist Youths for running a smear campaign against the country.

MYC president Datuk Suhaimi Ibrahim said today the organisation had painted a picture of Malaysia as an undemocratic oppressive nation which did not practise justice.

"It had also boldly circulated copies of criticisms at Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Attorney-General Tan Sri Mokhtar Abdullah," he told a news conference here.

Suhaimi regretted that certain Malaysians were taken in by the smear campaign.

The news conference was on a recruitment drive for the Territorial Army and the Rakan Muda Patriotic Torch Run here.

Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat will flag off the torch run from Dataran Merdeka at 8.30pm tomorrow.

Event director Koh Mui Tee expected 10,000 runners would take part in the 5,000 kilometre run through Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak and ends at Dataran Merdeka on National Day on Aug 31.

Simultaneously, the MYC launched a campaign to encourage the public nation-wide to sign up with the Territorial Army until August 30.

Interested citizens aged between 18 and 45 can sign up can at the 40 recruiting centres nation-wide.-- BERNAMA

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