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NGO URGED TO HELP IN TACKLING SOSIAL PROBLEMS

BANGI, Feb 22 (Bernama) -- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have been urged to play a role in tackling social problems that are becoming more serious among youths.

Umno Malaysia Information Head Datuk Yusoff Nor said the NGOs should also give attention to the problems within the country rather than external problems.

"They should work together with the government in tackling the social problems rather than merely hurl criticisms," he told Bernama during an Aidilfitri gathering here tonight.

He said they would be respected more if they contributed in tackling the social problems particularly among the youths.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said that the involvement of school children in criminal activities including distributing drugs and drug addiction was becoming "very serious".

Throughout the week, police in Johor, Pahang and Melaka were reported to have detained 95 students, including girls suspected to be involved in secret society activities, drug distribution and drug addiction. --BERNAMA

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