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PERMANENT SECRETARIAT FOR BN YOUTH TOPS AGENDA

KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 (Bernama) -- Establishing a permanent secretariat for Barisan Nasional (BN) Youth is among matters on the agenda for discussions when the movement meets here on Tuesday.

Umno Youth's Unity and National Integration Council chairman Zulkifli Alwi said this was the first time such a secretariat was being set up on the instructions of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is BN chairman.

He said the Prime Minister wants the BN Youth machinery to be mobilised in a planned manner at all times and not function on ad-hoc basis.

By having the secretariat, all actions and stands adopted by the youth wings of the 14 BN component parties on certain issues could be coordinated, he told Bernama today.

Forty-five senior youth leaders of BN component parties would attend the meeting to be chaired by Umno Youth leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at Umno headquarters, he said.

Other matters to be deliberated include appointments of the BN Youth committee members and forming a BN Youth Task Force to tackle social ills plaguing youths in this country.

Ahmad Zahid would announce the movement's office bearers after the meeting, he said.

The meeting would also draw up the action programme for BN Youth which include the BN Youth Convention in Kuching slated for middle of this year and BN Youth Assembly on Sept 16, he added. -- BERNAMA

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