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Sabah Umno Youth calls for alliance to tackle woes

KOTA KINABALU, Tues. - Sabah Umno Youth is seeking a tripartite alliance to tackle social ills.

"It is about time the ruling party, opposition parties and non-governmental organisations work together to solve the problem," its head Jema Khan Majid Khan said.

The move to wipe out social ills, especially among youths, must not be taken lightly or left solely to the authorities, he said.

The problem had become a national agenda requiring co-operation from the relevant parties, Jema Khan said at a dinner he hosted for the Press at Hyatt Kinabalu Hotel. Also present were Youth heads of the various divisions.

Umno Youth leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi had issued a directive barring Exco members and their families from patronising nightspots, karaoke and dangdut lounges.

While Sabah Umno Youth was following the development closely, Jema Khan did not say whether it, too, would take this course of action.

Meanwhile, in response to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call that ways be found to tackle the problem, Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah has formed a youth welfare committee chaired by party president Datuk Joseph Kurup.

Kurup said the committee would meet soon to discuss programmes to tackle the problem, especially in rural areas.

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