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Hishamuddin-Unity

STRONGER UNITY AMONG UMMAH IN STAVING OFF EXTERNAL THREATS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 11 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth today sought stronger unity and resolve among the ummah in staving off the challenges posed by external threats motivated by a desire to divide, subjugate and ridicule the Muslim world.

Umno Youth International Affairs Council chairman Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein said today globalisation had brought increasing attempts by the western secular media to portray all Muslims as extremists and fundamentalists without deep understanding of the faith.

The movement, realising the challenges faced from a globalised world, supported Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for the Muslim nations to accept the challenges posed, he said in the statement, here.

He said that for the ummah to be a major player in global change, they had to address their own internal problems like poverty, illiteracy, backwardness and despotism which "serves to shackle our respective nations."

The vast developments in technology and globalisation, he said, had reshaped the contours of global commerce and information, leaving 'closed' societies at a distinct disadvantage.

Hishamuddin said that in rekindling the Islamic culture of endeavour, tolerance, moderation and pragmatism, the true spirit of a knowledge-pursuant community needed to be instilled.

He also said that with unity, Islamic nations could seek to balance the threats of financial speculators, business monopolies, articulate coherent and powerful positions on human rights, environment and the role of religious faith in public life. -- BERNAMA

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