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Umno Youth to present memorandum on food policy

TEMERLOH, Sun. - Umno Youth will present a memorandum to the Government, proposing a national food policy with the aim of reducing food imports which now amount to RM9.5 billion a year, its chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said.

He said the memorandum would among others urge the Federal Government to implement a national food policy to meet the country's long-term needs.

He added that the memorandum would include a programme which would require the participation of the nation's food production industry.

Ahmad Zahid was speaking to reporters after launching the Barisan Nasional Youth Discussion Programme in Mentakab.

He said: "As a country which has fertile soil plus the expertise and technology, there is no excuse for not having a national food policy.

"Countries like Japan and United States do not neglect their food industry, and they are among the main food exporters."

"In this context, the call by our Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on this matter is timely."

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