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UMNO YOUTH ROLE MODELS FOR YOUTHS

ALOR SETAR, March 10 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth members should possess commendable qualities to be looked up upon as role models by today's youths, the movement's leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said today.

Devoid of role models in the country, the youths have turned to artistes and foreign sports personalities as their idols resulting in them sporting punk and skinhead hairstyle.

"Let Umno youth become role models but before that, they should display exemplary qualities for others to emulate," he told reporters after meeting Kedah Umno Youth members here.

Zahid said the movement would train 16,500 members, aged between 16 and 21, through Briged Putera which would be launched on April 4.

He said the training stint was to instil self-resilience and discipline as well as to nurture the spirit of patriotism to the country and Umno.

Zahid said the movement had sent out 10,000 forms to each Umno division to gather information on social ills in their areas, he said.

He said findings of the survey, which be ready by April 1, would be submitted to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Supreme Council members and related agencies.

In KUCHING, Sarawak Social Development Minister Datuk Adenan Satem said the state government proposed to revive inactive youth and recreational associations to tackle worsening social ills in the state.

The "sleeping" associations, which have been identified by the authorities, should wake up from their slumbre and draw up beneficial programmes for youths, he told reporters after chairing the Community Development Council meeting here.

Adenan said his ministry would step up youth related activities this year and set up more Youth Meeting Corners.

Such corners would be established in Miri, Limbang, Bintulu and Sibul, he said.

In SEREMBAN, Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said factory managements had been asked to play a meaningful role to help the government combat social ills afflicting youths.

He said the Social Committee set up by the state government to tackle the ills had asked the managements to organise various programmes for their workers.

Manufacturing is among seven other sectors identified by the committee to be given attention, he told reporters after chairing the committee's meeting here.

He said the programmes should involve all workers including those held in residential areas where foreign workers were staying.

Uniform bodies such as federal reserve force and volunteer firefighters could be set up in factories to instil discipline among workers, he said.

He said Negeri Sembilan Industrial Relations Council would be asked to assist the committee to enlist the cooperation of factory managements to implement the programmes. -- BERNAMA

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