

Penangites not keen on reformation movement

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PENANG: Penangites are not interested in the reformation movement initiated by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, state Umno liaison committee acting chairman Datuk Mohd Shariff Omar said.

He said many villagers here too had expressed confidence in Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership through banners and posters.

"Even the non-Malays said there was no reason for them

to demonstrate," he said after opening the State 4B-Youth movement's 8th annual general meeting yesterday.

He said the Malays and non-Malays here were strongly behind the Prime Minister, adding that they all wished to live in peace.

"Malaysians, especially the youth, should not be swayed by any demonstrative activities held in other countries as this would only lead to chaos and

instability here," he said.

Mohd Shariff, who is also Deputy Chief Minister, said the demonstrations were for different reasons.

On a related issue, Mohd Shariff called on state Umno Youth chief Dr Abdul Rahim Ghouse and his deputy Mohamed Ismail Mohamad Othman @ Ali to come forward and help police in their investigations.

"I do not know of Dr Abdul

Rahim's whereabouts but I heard his deputy was overseas. With their absence, the state Umno Youth is without a leader," he said.

Mohd Shariff said he had advised the movement to convene an executive councillors meeting, which will be held today at the City Bayview Hotel Penang at 3pm.

A representative from the national Umno Youth Council will also be present, he added.