

# 100,000 Barisan youths to gather at Bukit Jalil<sup>30</sup>

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JOHOR BARU: A massive gathering of more than 100,000 youths from components of Barisan Nasional parties will be held at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil on Oct 10.

Umno Youth vice-chairman Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said the gathering, called *Perhimpunan Perdana*, was aimed at showing the world that Malaysians still remained united despite disturbances caused by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's supporters lately.

He said it was vital that the world, especially the foreign media, realised the true political situation of the country where the majority of Malaysians supported Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We want world leaders and foreign media, including Singapore, to know that Malaysia is still a peaceful country and Malaysians condemn any reporting that said otherwise."

"Since Dr Mahathir will also attend the gathering, we want them to write about the gathering showing that the majority of Malaysians still support the Prime Minister," he told reporters after a dialogue with Johor Umno Youth leaders yesterday.

Hishammuddin said Umno Youth also condemned any foreign power which tried to interfere in the nation's administration and added that government leaders were se-

lected through a democratic process.

He said since the process was acknowledged by the international community, including the United States and Britain, Umno Youth wanted them to respect Malaysian leaders and the Government.

He said almost all news written by the foreign media showed that Malaysia had not been calm since Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was arrested un-

der the Internal Security Act.

"I am shocked to note that the foreign media, including Singapore's, have not given any positive pictures of Malaysia, including the success of the 16th Commonwealth Games, but continue to write about the unrest in Kuala Lumpur.

"We don't want to condemn Singapore's action in highlighting the unrest repeatedly but through the gathering at Bukit Ja-

lil, Singapore will see our unity and support for Dr Mahathir," he said.

On Anwar's sacking and the call for *reformasi*, Hishammuddin said if a man could not implement any reforms while being the deputy prime minister, there was no way Anwar could do so after the sacking.

"To me, after what Anwar did to the nation after he was sacked from the Cabinet, he is not fit to be

a deputy prime minister," he said.

He said Anwar should look back at Umno history where leaders like Datuk Onn Jaafar and Dr Mahathir had never condemned the Government and the party after they left Umno.

"To me, Anwar has a personal agenda and that is to destroy Umno after he no longer was the deputy prime minister and deputy Umno president," he added.