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BAGAN UMNO CALLS ON DIVISION, YOUTH AND WANITA HEADS TO STEP DOWN

PULAU PINANG, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Eighteen branches in the Bagan Umno division in Butterworth today voiced their objections against the division's head, Datuk Abdul Latiff Mirasa, for supporting the reform movement of sacked Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and called on him to step down.

They also called on the division's Youth head, Norhaidi Che Dan, and the division's Wanita head, Juma Bee Mohamed, to step down.

Sungai Nyior branch head Dr Rozi Yusof said that they had issued a memorandum which states that the 18 branches had lost confidence in the leadership of the division following the failure of the three divisional leaders to brief them and to indicate their support for Anwar's dismissal.

The 18 branches also express their support for the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is Umno president, and support the action of the Supreme Council to expel Anwar from the party.

Dr Rozi said that the memorandum would be submitted to the Prime Minister and the state Umno liaison committee tomorrow.

Latiff, on Sept 7, stated his support for the Prime Minister but appealed for Anwar to be reinstated.

The branches stated that this did not reflect the stand of the members in the division.

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