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BN Youth declares loyalty to Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The Barisan Nasional Youth today declared its loyalty to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, especially in efforts to ensure the country's political stability and economic strength.

This was stated in a statement issued after its supreme council meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre this morning.

The council then expressed its serious concern over current developments, particularly that pertaining to the position of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The meeting, chaired by Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, was attended by all members of the council. At a Press conference after the meeting, Ahmad Zahid read out a statement which says:

"The Barisan Nasional Youth wish to reiterate our stand that we will remain loyal to the Prime Minister as chairman of the Barisan Nasional to ensure the country's political stability and economic strength continue to be preserved.

"The BN Youth views with serious concern the latest development in the country's leadership especially pertaining to the position of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"The BN Youth requests all quarters to remain calm and united in facing the current situation."

Asked to elaborate on what the council meant by "serious concern" of the current developments, Ahmad Zahid said: "We know the situation before this was very calm ... with this latest development (Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's removal from Cabinet), we view it very seriously."

He said the BN youth, however, was confident that the country's legal system would uphold justice and truth with due process of law.

Asked about Umno Youth's stand, he said, since it was part of BN Youth, its stand was the same as that of the coalition.

Ahmad Zahid said he had already asked all Umno Youth members to remain calm and to behave rationally.

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