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BN YOUTH WILL OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE STABILITY

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- The Youth movements of Barisan Nasional component parties stressed today that they will oppose any attempt to undermine the nation's stability following the removal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the cabinet and Umno.

BN Youth secretary and Umno Youth executive committee member Pemuda UMNO Zulkifli Mohamed Alwi said it was important to defend the national stability so that the country was not exposed to undesirable possibilities.

"If there are parties intending to undermine the leadership, I remind them that we all stand solidly behind Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his colleagues in the national leadership," he told reporters, here.

Zulkifli said the majority of activists in the BN Youth accepted and supported efforts by the national leaders, especially Dr Mahathir.

He also said that the majority of the Umno Youth Exco hoped that its leader, Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, would quickly hold a special meeting of the movement to discuss the current developments and take the necessary actions.

He said the movement had nothing to do with the gathering which turned unruly at the foyer of Menara Datuk Onn at the Putra World Trade Centre last night.

The crowd had gathered there during the Umno supreme council meeting to discuss Anwar's position in the party following his removal from the cabinet Wednesday.

Zulkifli said: "We are worried that if there were Umno Youth elements at the gathering, it would be interpreted as the movement's stand.

"Umno Youth was not involved in the gathering and if its members were present, they were acting in their personal capacities."

Another Umno Youth Exco member, Zein Isma Ismail expressed sadness and disappointment that there were undergraduates and non-governmental organisation members who were willing to be used in the gathering.

Zein Isma said the university authorities should take action against their students who were involved and called on undergraduates to trust in the legal and judicial system to uphold the truth.

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