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Call for firm stand on Tanjong Pagar

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Umno Youth today urged the Government to adopt a firm stand concerning Singapore's shift of the Customs, immigration and quarantine centre in Tanjong Pagar to Woodlands.

In a statement, Umno Youth pledged its support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who wants the centre to remain at Tanjong Pagar.

"The Singaporean Government, by publishing copies of the negotiation letters between both countries, is not helping to make things better.

"It can, in fact, impede efforts made by both countries to come to an amicable solution.

"Umno Youth views this matter seriously as it goes against the principle of diplomacy and ethics."

Last Monday, Dr Mahathir, when approached on the matter during his visit to Namibia, said Malaysia would not shift its CIQ facilities from Tanjong Pagar to Woodlands.

The Prime Minister had said there must be an international agreement approved by the Cabinet and Parliament for such a shift to take place.

He had said that any documents signed by those who were not the heads of government would not suffice.

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