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Hishammuddin: New Kelantan deputy Youth chief to be named soon

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Umno Youth will announce "in a day or two" its new Kelantan deputy chief who will replace Dr Wan Hasni Wan Sulaiman, Umno Youth acting head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said today.

Hishammuddin said the candidacy for the post would be discussed first with State liaison committee chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and its deputy Datuk Annuar Musa.

"I will announce the name of the new deputy Youth chief in a day or two," he told reporters at his office after receiving a courtesy visit from two delegates of the Ethiopian Advance team.

Wan Hasni, who was also Pasir Mas division Youth chief, was expelled from Umno last Tuesday for taking part in anti-Umno activities following the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from all Government positions on Sept 2 and his expulsion from the party the following day.

Hishammuddin said the appointment of a new deputy Youth chief would help promote stability in the party.

"I hope the appointment will strengthen party ties and programmes can go on smoothly," he said.

When asked if there were any candidates for the position, Hishammuddin said: "Of course, we have 14 divisions to choose from.

"Thank God members of the Penang and Negri Sembilan divisions have given encouraging response to the appointments of their new Youth chiefs," Hishammuddin added.

Last Friday, Mohd Ismail Mohd Othman was made Penang Umno Youth chief while Shahrul Akram Othman was appointed as Negri Sembilan Umno Youth chief. Both were the deputy Youth chiefs in their States.

Mohd Ismail took the place of Ruslan Kassim who is still being detained under the Internal Security Act.

Shahrul Akram replaced Abdul Rahim Ghouse who is reportedly abroad.

Both were expelled from Umno.

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