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MAYC DEMONSTRATES AGAINST SOROS' STATEMENT

TELUK INTAN, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- About 200 Malaysian Association of Youth Clubs members today held a peaceful demonstration at Kampong Gajah town, 20 km from here, protesting against international money trader George Soros' statement calling on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to step down and his former deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to be freed.

The demonstrators, who were participants of a three-day management and administration course organised by MAYC at Institut Latihan Datuk Sagor at Kampong Gajah, also carried a memorandum protesting against Soros' statement and US statements interfering in the nation's internal affairs.

The heavy rain did not dampen the spirit of the demonstrators who carried banners and placards but stopped their initial plans to march from the town to Pasir Salak to reflect back on the murder of British resident James W.W. Birch by a Malay chieftain which marked one of the many early acts of rebellion against the colonial administrators.

MAYC secretary-general Sheikh Badar Sheikh Embong told reporters the memorandum would be handed over to MAYC deputy president Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar who will close the course later tonight.

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