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PULAU PINANG UMNO YOUTH ABIDES BY SUPREME COUNCIL'S DECISION ON RAHIM GHOUSE

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 4 (Bernama) -- The Pulau Pinang Umno Youth will abide by the decision of the Umno Supreme Council which meets on Tuesday over the fate of its head, Dr Rahim Ghouse.

Its deputy head, Mohamed Ismail Othman alias Ali, said today that the state Umno Youth would leave it to the party leadership to determine the position of Dr Rahim for his involvement in the reform movement initiated by former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"I am confident that the party leadership will make a wise decision in deciding Dr Rahim's future in Umno and the state Umno Youth will accept any decision made with an open mind," he told Bernama here.

Mohamed Ismail, who is Bukit Bendera Umno Youth division head, said that all 11 divisions in the state remained staunchly behind the government and have full confidence in party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in dealing with the issue.

He said that to show their support for Dr Mahathir, some 5,000 state Umno Youth members were expected to attend the premier rally organised by the Barisan Nasional Umno Youth at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil on Oct 10.

He said that each division would send at least 400 members to the rally.

Commenting on the resignation of Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi as the Umno Youth chief, he said it was most appropriate and it showed that Zahid loves Umno and places the party's interest over his own.

He said that the state Umno Youth was all for Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein acting as head of the movement to continue its struggles.

Mohamed Ismail also denied a press report that he was at Anwar's house in Bukit Damansara on Sept 14, together with former Semangat 46 leader Marina Yusof.

He said there must have been a confusion as he left the country on Sept 12 and only returned on Sept 25.

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