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Quit if you can't lead movement, Umno Youth chief told

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Federal Territory Umno Youth today said Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi should withdraw as Umno Youth leader if he is no longer capable of leading the movement.

In a faxed statement, Federal Territory Umno Youth head Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi said his movement expressed deep regret over Zahid's failure to show a firm stand, and his questionable behaviour with regards to the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Until now when the issue has dragged on for a while, he has still not called for a special meeting for the Umno Youth Exco to discuss and state the movement's official stand," he said.

He said the decision was unanimously reached during the movement's monthly meeting which was attended by the heads of various Umno divisional Youth movements.

"During the meeting, we also swore allegiance and expressed our total support for any step or action taken by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in relation to this issue.

"FT Umno Youth has total confidence in our Prime Minister and believes that any action taken against Anwar is based on facts and solid proof."

He said FT Umno Youth also rejected the allegations made by Anwar that there was a high-level conspiracy by Umno leaders and the Government to displace him.

This, he said, was because the members of the Umno supreme council collectively decided to expel Anwar from Umno.

"We also express regret at the involvement of some students and members of non-governmental organisations such as the Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (Islamic Youth Movement of Malaysia) and the Malaysian Youth Council, which caused disturbances before and after the Umno supreme council meeting last night."

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