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Rahim Ghouse a traitor, says MB

JOHOR BARU, Thurs. - The action of former Penang Umno Youth chief Abdul Rahim Ghouse in issuing statements abroad on the political development in the country shows him to be "not only a liar but a traitor to the country", Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said today.

Abdul Rahim, the former Permatang Pauh Umno division youth chairman, was reported to have made statements about the political development in Malaysia from the Philippines.

Abdul Ghani, who is the State Umno liaison chief, urged the powers-that-be in the Philippines to check with their representatives here in order to get a true and balanced picture of the situation.

He was speaking to reporters after officiating at the Health Advisory Panel Seminar here today.

In Ipoh, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said Abdul Rahim's action was "presumptuous".

He said Abdul Rahim should not have taken the matter overseas when he did not have the courage to explain the situation in the country.

"It will be more than an uphill task for him to convince other countries."

In Penang, State Umno liaison committee deputy chairman Datuk Mohd Shariff Omar said Abdul Rahim's action in undermining Dr Mahathir's leadership "has betrayed the country and his race."

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