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UMNO YOUTH MEMBERS URGED TO REMAIN CALM

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth Vice head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein today urged members of the movement to refrain from any hasty action in the wake of the expulsion of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from Umno.

As Umno members they should respect the decision of the party president and the Umno Supreme Council, he said.

All decisions by the Umno Supreme Council were made for the good and wellbeing of party members, Hishammuddin said.

"We should give priority to the interests of the party and not to that of individuals," he said in a statement.

He said a big majority of Umno Youth executive committee members and heads of Umno Youth division strongly supported the leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He expressed regret and disappointment over the attempts by outsiders to interfere in the internal affairs of Umno.

"The involvement of NGOs particularly the Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement in the affairs of Umno and its efforts to influence intellectuals and university students in the matter are wild and irresponsible," he said.

Hishammuddin advised university students not to allow themselves to be used as tools by those opposing the government under the torch of reformation.

"They should be mature and rational and study the facts before making a decision," he said.

Meanwhile the Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory Umno Youth Chief Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi said any Umno Youth executive committee member who had doubts over the Umno Supreme Council decision to expel Anwar should resign.

He also the Federal Territory Umno Youth was disappointed over the attitude of Umno Youth head Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi who had not shown a firm stand on the issue.

Till now he had not called a meeting of the Umno Youth Executive Committee to discuss the movement's stand, he added.

Hence the Federal Territory Umno Youth felt that Ahmad Zahid should resign if he was unable to continue leading the movement.

"Not respecting the party president is not our culture," Aziz said.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, the Terengganu Umno Youth head Abd Rahin Mohd Said also expressed regret over Zahid's attitude.

Speaking to reporters, he said Zahid should firmly state the movement's stand that it was solidly behind Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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