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Unanimous passage for Youth emergency resolution

AN emergency resolution underlining the importance of the country's sovereignty and protecting Islam from being used as a political tool, was unanimously passed at the Umno extraordinary general meeting yesterday.

Umno Youth acting head Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein, who tabled the resolution, pledged to fight to the "last drop of blood" to defend the institution of the party leadership and party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The resolution, which was seconded by Wanita Umno among others, called for the defence of the country's sovereignty from enemies, inside and outside; condemned and criticised foreign interference in the country's administration and the defence of Islam from being used for political purposes and also called for the maintenance of the freedom of religion in multi-racial Malaysia.

It also gave support to the party's and country's leadership in efforts to revive and strengthen the economy and in the fight against all forms of efforts to spread slander and negativity that could disunite the party and destabilise the nation.

Hishammuddin said: "If the leaders before us were prepared to defend the sovereignty and dignity of the nation with sweat, blood and tears; we, Umno Youth, are also prepared to sacrifice."

This, he said, was the idealism that would be sought by the movement as was done by others before them.

Hishammuddin said Umno Youth would continue the struggle into the next millennium with confidence and use the recent developments as guidance and reminder.

Wanita Umno head Datuk Siti Zaharah Sulaiman, when seconding the resolution, said the current situation in the country showed that Umno's unity was paramount.

"Since its inception, Umno has always been at the forefront of the Malay struggle and it will continue to do so," she added.

Siti Zaharah said Wanita Umno would not stand for foreign interference in the country's own affair.

"The movement pledges its support to the party and leaders in its efforts to revive the economy and solve the political problems," she said.

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