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YOUTHS TOLD TO STRENGTHEN PATRIOTISM

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- Youths should learn from the country's history so that they can strengthen their patriotic spirit to ward off attempts to recolonise the country, 4B Youth movement president Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam said today.

Mohd Ali, who is Deputy Transport Minister, said history showed that the Melaka Sultanate had fallen because some people betrayed it and collaborated with foreigners.

Malaysia might be recolonised if the people allowed themselves to be puppets of foreign powers, he told reporters after the launching of a national campaign to inculcate patriotism among Malaysians.

The campaign was launched by the Prime Minister's political secretary Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin who also gave a talk on the country's development history.

Mohd Ali said talks would be held at the state and district levels during the year-long campaign involving two million members of the Malaysian Youth Council, including 300,000 from 4B Youth.

At the ceremony, 2,000 postcards pledging support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad were presented to Abdul Aziz.

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