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Youth slogan `shouldn't be used'

IPOH, Fri. - Umno Youth should stop using its slogan "Pemuda Pemangkin Gerakan Reformasi" (Youth as Catalyst to the Reformation Movement) as it could portray a negative picture of the movement.

The call was made by Perak Umno Youth secretary Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Rahman Nazri who is also Bagan Serai Umno Youth leader.

Muhaimin said in a statement today that continued use of the slogan could be misconstrued by the people.

Although he did not explain the reason for his call, it is understood that this was in the wake of the so-called reformation movement by ousted Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar had called for reform when addressing his supporters prior to his arrest under the Internal Security Act.

The slogan was launched by Umno Youth leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi on Nov 18, 1996.

Its objective is to put the Youth movement at the forefront of the call for the cultural reformation of the Malays by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Umno general assembly in October the same year.

Muhaimin also expressed confidence in deputy Umno Youth leader Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein to lead the movement.

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