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BN Youth polls pledge in 'Tuaran Declaration'

TUARAN, Sat. - The Barisan Nasional Youth today pledged to ensure a big victory for the coalition in the general election.

Known as Tuaran Declaration 1999, the movement promised, among other things, to mount a nationwide information campaign, ensure close relationship among BN leaders and organise Malaysia Boleh-oriented activities.

The declaration, made at the end of the four-day BN Youth convention at Sabandar Resort, was presented to Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad by BN Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein after the former's "Syarahan Perdana" this afternoon. The convention was attended by 400 BN Youth members.

The six-point declaration stated that the BN Youth would:

- * strengthen itself in terms of personality, mindset, attitude, knowledge, education and religion;
- * enhance unity, understanding and co-operation with the people;
- * strengthen the BN as a political platform capable of maintaining social stability, prosperity and harmony among the people;
- * strengthen the national agenda through strategic knowledge which was critical to the country's development, particularly in information technology and knowledge-based industries;
- * lift the country's dignity in all fields so that Malaysia could participate in determining important world agendas; and,
- * defend the country's sovereignty and independence from global developments which were contrary to national interest.

At the end of the convention, Hishammuddin who was also acting Umno Youth chief, said they were ready to go into action to ensure the BN's victory in the general election.

"It is hoped that Malaysians at present and in the future will become the final generation who live in a developing nation," he said.

He also said Malaysia should not concentrate on economic development only but consider political, social, spiritual, psychological and cultural aspects as well.

He said the BN Youth respected the efforts by the Prime Minister in developing the country.

Also present were Sabah BN chairman and Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam, BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat and Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Mohd Khalil Yaakob.

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