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GERAK BAKTI CAN NOW FUNCTION SMOOTHLY, SAYS HISHAMMUDDIN

ALOR GAJAH, July 9 (Bernama) -- The Gerak Bakti Foundation, an Umno Youth poverty eradication and social upliftment outfit, can now function smoothly with the appointment of new board members, acting head of the movement Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said.

"God willing, the foundation is set to get back on the right tracks," he said after attending a briefing on the coming general election here last night.

On Wednesday the foundation appointed Hishammuddin as its chairman and Zulkifli Alwi, Mokhzani Mahathir, Datuk Fatah Iskandar and Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzil as board members.

Umno Youth executive council member Hasni Mohamad was named foundation chief executive while Syed Hood Syed Edros and Nazri Saad, its manager and secretary.

Hishammuddin, who is Deputy Primary Industries Minister, also described a move by former Umno Youth assistant secretary Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and former YBG chief executive Johari Abdul to block his appointment as cowardly.

"They (Saifuddin dan Johari) have benefited from Umno and now that they are no longer in the party they have been demanding for transparency and fairness although they do not conduct themselves that in trying to hold to posts in the foundation," he said.

Hishammuddin said he was inclined to believe that the duo have ulterior motives for refusing to budge from their positions in the foundation.

He added that he was willing to resort to legal redress to protect the foundation.

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