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HISHAMMUDDIN APOLOGISE TO MEDIA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- Acting Umno Youth leader Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein has apologised to all media representatives for yesterday's incident but insisted that the movement had nothing against the media.

"This is partly the results of the action of one or two journalists who are unethical and having political interest.

"I'm worried that the action of such journalists could cause the profession to be viewed negatively," he said, referring to what happened yesterday when media representatives, covering the opening of the Umno Youth rally by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), were told to leave the hall.

But he said in a statement issued here today that Umno Youth believed that there were many more journalists who carried out their task sincerely and honestly to ensure national peace and stability.

In addressing some 1,900 Youth members at the rally, Dr Mahathir had requested that his speech be not recorded and asked the media to leave the hall since it was a closed door function.

Later, at the start of the news conference, the Prime Minister said he had to ask them to leave because there were certain things which he could only say behind closed door to avoid being sued by certain parties.

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