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MAHATHIR ASKS YOUTHS TO DEFEND COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today asked youths to help defend the country's sovereignty and harmony.

He also wanted them to understand all government policies and help in efforts for the country's economy to recover as soon as possible.

Dr Mahathir told this to leaders of youth organisations at a meeting held to exchange views on current national issues.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who was present at the meeting, told reporters that Dr Mahathir explained to them past and ongoing government efforts on national economic recovery.

The two-hour meeting was organised by the Youth and Sports Ministry at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

More than 100 leaders from 20 organisations, including Malaysian Youth Council (MYC), Malaysian Muslim Youth Movement (Abim), university student associations and the 4B Youth Movement attended the closed-door meeting.

Muhyiddin said Dr Mahathir also enlightened them on political issues in the country, including the government's stand on Hudud laws.

The Prime Minister told them to protect the country's system of democracy and not to be influenced by the culture of certain countries.

Dr Mahathir wanted the youths to play their role in ensuring that government actions could be implemented to protect the country's interests, he said.

Muhyiddin said the youth leaders were satisfied with Dr Mahathir's explanations.

"This is the first time they got clarification from Dr Mahathir personally on current economic and political issues," said Muhyiddin.

Muhyiddin said Dr Mahathir would launch the Youth Day celebration on Saturday.

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