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MALAYSIANS DON'T BELIEVE IN INTERNET RUMOURS AND LIES, SAYS HISHAMMUDDIN

IPOH, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysians have shown maturity in not believing in rumours and lies over the Internet, said acting Umno Youth Chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein today.

He said there was no reaction to a rumour recently that riot would take place in the country when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for a trip overseas.

"Last year, a rumour of an impending riot over the Internet caused panic. Now it doesn't happen," he told reporters after opening a two-day seminar on multi-storied forest management project in Malaysia, jointly organised by the Forestry Department and Japan International Cooperation Agency, here.

Hishammuddin said that over a period of time, the people would get fed-up with poison-pen letters and the lies that flooded the Internet.

Initially, he said he too felt hopeless against the lies directed at him and his family and not anymore as they did undermine his credibility.

He said the people would eventually get wiser when the various claims made in the Internet were not backed by evidence.

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