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Reports againts Harakah, Mohamed Ezam

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Umno Youth today lodged a police report against the Pas party newspaper Harakah and another against Mohamed Ezam Mohd Nor.

The first report was lodged by Federal Territory Umno Youth against the biweekly newspaper for publishing an article allegedly slandering Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in its Feb 5 issue.

About 50 supporters, led by Youth chief Abdul Azim Mohamad Zabidi, lodged the report at the Dang Wangi police station.

He said the movement decided to lodge the report to enable the authorities to investigate and closely monitor Harakah's contents, adding that the movement would set up a task force next week to monitor the paper.

He said the report lodged was not prompted by anyone's directive but was a manifestation of the patriotic feelings of members of the movement.

Later, Selangor Umno Youth chief Jaya Kusuma Rusman lodged a police report against Mohamed Ezam, who is a former political secretary to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in the Finance Ministry, for his statements in the March 22 issue of Harakah, which the Youth chief alleged were misleading and irresponsible and could confuse the public.

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