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STUDENTS' CALL FOR DR MAHATHIR TO RESIGN INAPPROPRIATE

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 8 (Bernama) -- Acting Umno Youth head Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein has described the call by Malaysian students abroad that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad steps down as Prime Minister as inappropriate.

Hishamuddin, who is also Deputy Minister of Primary Industries, said the call also did not reflect the wishes of the majority in Malaysia.

He said although certain groups were free to voice their opinion on Dr Mahathir, they must remember that the prime minister was elected through a democratic process.

"Of course the people can voice their opinion in a country which practices a democratic system, but it must be made through proper channels," he said during a press conference at the Barisan Nasional (BN) headquarters at Putatan Square, near here.

Hishamuddin said the youth movement did not agree with the call by the students although they had the right to do so.

"They probably do not have the facts or materials (so much so that they have made the call)," he said.

At a dialogue session with the Malaysian prime minister yesterday, a Malaysian student in London had said that Dr Mahathir should resign on the grounds of his handling of the Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim issue.

On the Sabah state election, he said the youth movement in the state was ready to go on the ground to campaign and counter the issues raised by the opposition parties for the election.

He said the BN Youth would also support any candidate chosen by the BN leadership to contest in the election.

"I am satisfied with the commitment shown by the BN youth movement so far and I hope such spirit will continue to ensure victory for the BN in the state," he added.

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