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#### Terengganu Umno Youth won't retract resolution

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Terengganu Umno Youth will not retract its recent resolution which links the defeat of Barisan Nasional candidates in the general election to the leadership of State Umno liaison chief Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Wan Ahmad.

Following a meeting with the youth committee here today, acting Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said: "We do not deny that our members, being young as they are, sometimes become easily agitated and they do things or act in a hasty manner.

"Whatever stand, statement or action taken by them was actually done with good intentions although their actions seemed harsh and hurt the feelings of others."

He then tendered an apology to Wan Mokhtar on behalf of State Umno Youth committee members led by Abdul Rahin Mohd Said for showing disrespect to the former Menteri Besar.

Hishammuddin said a delegation would visit Wan Mokhtar soon to explain its members' stand and their dissatisfaction over certain party matters.

"Terengganu Umno Youth realises the importance of closing ranks and will practise the party's ideology which is strongly based on Islamic values and Malay tradition, in forgiving and respecting our elders."

He added that the recent defeat in Terengganu should not be attributed to Wan Mokhtar as other States also experienced reduced majorities and some defeats in Umno strongholds.

"We must view this adverse situation in a positive light and treat it as a valuable experience.

"At the same time, we must strengthen our movement and devise a proper strategy over the next five years to recapture Terengganu."

Last Monday, Terengganu Umno Youth sent a resolution to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Hishammuddin. It outlined three factors for the downfall of the State BN Government.

They are the lack of change in the State administration, the emergence of protest votes for the Opposition and poor logistics support from party headquarters.

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