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UMNO YOUTH COUNCILS HALVED, NEW YOUTH CHIEFS NAMED

KUALA LUMPUR, March 30 (Bernama) -- The Umno Youth today reduced its number of councils by half, appointed a new information chief and expanded its executive committee by adding two more members to its line-up.

It also named new youth chiefs for Kelantan and Sabah.

The appointments were announced by Acting Umno Youth Head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein after chairing the movement's monthly meeting which lasted more than three hours.

He said the changes and appointments were necessary to enable the movement to meet current situations and future challenges.

He said the councils were reduced by half from 22 to 11 by merging several councils into one to be effective and efficient.

He said the meeting unanimously agreed to appoint Mohd Suparadi Md Noor as the movement's new information chief.

Hishammuddin said the movement's executive committee (exco) had been enlarged with the drafting of Pontian and Kuala Terengganu Umno Youth chiefs Hasni Mohamad and Datuk Wan Ahmad Farid Wan Salleh into the exco.

He said the Kelantan Umno Youth would function under a new leadership headed by Zahari Kecik with Ahmad Jazlan Haji Yaakub as the vice-head, Dali Hussin (secretary), Nik Kamaruddin Nik Omar (treasurer) and Abdul Aziz Awang (information chief)

Kinabatangan Umno Youth leader Juhari Janan is the new Sabah Umno Youth head, succeeding Jema Khan Majid Khan. Aliasgar Basri is the information chief.

Johor also got a new youth chief with Dr Nasrah Salim at the helm, Jemangi Rekijan as vice-head, Ayob Haji Jamil (treasurer) and Jamil Amin (information chief).

Nasir Ismail was appointed Perak Umno Youth secretary and Ton Zailani Haji Mat Darus as information chief.

Hishammuddin said Zulkifli Alwi, Mokhzani Mahathir, Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir and himself had been appointed trustees of Yayasan Gerakbakti Kebangsaan with Hasni as its chief executive.

He also warned that stern action would be taken against Umno Youth leaders and members if they resorted to actions detrimental to party interests and country's well-being.

He said every complaint or report against them would be investigated, he added.

Following are the 11 councils and office-bearers:

+ International Affairs

Chairman: Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi

Deputy Chairman: Dr Sahmsul Anuar

+ Information

Chairman: Mohd Suparadi Md.Noor

Deputy Chairman: Wan Mohamad Khairil Anuar Haji Wan Ahmad

+ Religious Affairs

Chairman: Abdul Wahab Haji Din

+ Economic and Entrepreneur Development

Chairman: Noordin Md Noor

+ Undergraduates and Training

Chairman: Zein Isma Ismail

Deputy Chairman: Zahidi Zainul Abidin

+ Consumer Affairs

Chairman Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir

+ Culture, Youth and Sports

Chairman: Datuk Wan Ahmad Farid Wan Salleh

+ Housing, Squatters and Urban Development

Chairman: Nur Jazlan Mohamed

+ Rural Development

Chairman: Abdul Fattah Abdullah

+ Briged Putra

Chairman: Haji Abdul Kadir Daud

+ Education

Chairman: Haji Sheikh Hamlan Haji Din

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