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UMNO YOUTH STRENGTHENS ELECTION MACHINERY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 8 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth will begin strengthening its election machinery to ensure the success of the party's candidates in the upcoming general election.

Acting Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said commitment, sincerity and determination are the criteria members must fulfill in order to be nominated as potential candidates.

Beginning with the Pemuda Perkasa assembly and an election action course on Thursday, the momentum would then be maintained until polling day, he said after an Umno Youth executive council meeting here today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Umno president, is expected to simultaneously open both the Umno Youth events at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Hishammuddin said there would be no compromise for members of the Youth movement concerning their sincerity in furthering the struggles of the party.

"As acting youth chief, I will test the movement's members if they are sincerely fighting to further the struggles of the party or fighting for their personal gain.

"Of late, we have seen those who fought on narrow minded issues for a short while without a thought for the future generation," he said.

The motto for the Pemuda Perkasa assembly is "we believe in the party, we have confidence in the party".

Hishammuddin said Umno Youth has also decided to send eight members of its International Affairs Council on a two-week medical mission to Tirana, Albania, to assist the Kosovo refugees.

The delegation is expected to leave for Tirana on June 18.

A fund set up by Umno Youth for the purpose has so far received donations amounting to RM95,000 to be used to purchase medical supplies.

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