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GPMS setting up federation to explain need for Malay unity

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Federation of Peninsular Malay Students (GPMS) today announced the setting up of Gabungan Suara Melayu (United Malay Federation).

It will be headed by GPMS adviser Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Maidin. It is set up to explain to the Malays the need for unity and solidarity.

Abdul Rahman is deputy president of the Malay Chamber of Commerce Malaysia.

Its formation followed the 83-point demand made by the Malaysian Chinese Organisations' Election Appeals Committee (Suqiu).

At a Press conference, GPMS president Datuk Suhaimi Ibrahim said "only Malay unity can break down Suqiu's demands".

He said Umno Youth's "late response" had caused the Suqiu matter being turned into an issue in the Lunas by-election. The federation took Umno Youth to task for its late response.

Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein yesterday called for a dialogue with Suqiu to resolve the matter.

Suhaimi said many Malay organisations had indicated that they wanted to be part of a planned mass rally to be held at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil.

He also reiterated GPMS' stand to present a 100-point demand to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to counter the 83-point demand made by Suqiu.

Suhaimi said GPMS was giving Suqiu until Jan 14 to retract its demands, adding "the issue can be resolved quite amicably if Suqiu withdraws its demands".

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