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MYC sends note to US lawmakers

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Malaysian Youth Council has started a signature campaign called "Telloff 7" to protest against the seven US Congressmen and women who filed a resolution calling on the Malaysian Government to give former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim a re-trial or dismiss all charges against him.

MYC president Saifudin Abdullah said the campaign was started because of the many telephone calls from the public expressing their unhappiness over the action of the seven lawmakers.

"There were also telephone calls supporting our move to submit a letter of protest to the US Embassy," he said. MYC submitted the letter to the embassy yesterday.

The signature campaign will be online. Saifuddin urged Malaysians from all walks of life to register their names and addresses on MYC's special e-mail address expressing their dissatisfaction over the resolution.

The e-mail address is telloff7@hotmail.com or the public can fax their statements to 03-9732759.

Saifuddin said MYC was also getting the e-mail addresses of the seven lawmakers so that Malaysians could write to them directly expressing their displeasure.

The seven lawmakers are Chris Smith of New Jersey; Ileana Ros Lehtinen and Robert Wexler of Florida; Tom Lantos, Dana Rohrabacher and Ed Royce of California; and Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii.

Saifuddin said MYC was constructing a website on the issue. The MYC has also sent a copy of its protest letter, which was handed to the US Embassy, to 100 youth organisations around the world.

Among the countries where the letter was sent to are Singapore, the Philippines, Japan, Iraq, South Korea, Macedonia, Zimbabwe and Mauritius.

He said the intention of sending the letter to the youth organisations was to explain to them the actual situation and get their support.

MYC submitted a copy of the letter to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

He said Dr Mahathir replied that it was good that there was response from the rakyat.

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