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Panel on youth affairs to be set up

A CABINET committee on youth affairs will be set up to ensure integrated action in the implementation of programmes for youths.

Chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said this was to ensure successful implementation of the numerous policies and programmes for youths.

"We need to check, monitor and coordinate the activities and programmes carried out by the relevant Government agencies and non-Governmental organisations."

The Youth and Sports Minister also said the National Youth Consultative Council would also be revived and its status be raised to be at par with the National Economic Action Council.

"The council is the voice for youths and it represents their aspirations," he said.

He criticised some Youth members who never participated in any youth programmes in their areas.

To claims by the delegates that the Youth movement was getting "tired" and should have more "bite" in its actions, he said: "Umno Youth in the new millennium will be one with taring (fangs), kuku (claws) and taji (spurs).

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