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UMNO YOUTH CANDIDATES TOLD NOT TO GET PERSONAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 22 (Bernama) -- Acting Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein today reminded members wishing to contest in party elections not to indulge in character assassination.

He said candidates should explain what they could do to strengthen the movement and the party instead of running down their opponents.

"A contest will be meaningless if a candidate's image is smeared by the actions of our own family members," he told reporters after chairing the Youth Exco meeting here.

The meeting took note of the wishes of members who have offered themselves for the movement's Exco posts.

Among the incumbent Exco members who have declared their intention to contest are Nur Jazlan Mohamed, Zaiyadi Awang Noh, Datuk Wan Ahmad Farid Wan Salleh and Hamlan Din.

State Umno Youth leaders who are keen to contest in the elections in May are Nazari Adzim (Melaka), Zahidi Zainul Abidin (Perlis), Jaya Kusuma Rusman (Selangor), Shahrul Akram Osman (Negeri Sembilan), Mohamad Ismail Osman (Pulau Pinang) and Johari Janan (Sabah).

The movement's executive secretary Raden Mokhtar Mohamed Yusuff, who is Selangor Youth vice-head, has also declared his intention to vie for a seat in the Exco.

The meeting also endorsed the offer by Federal Territory Youth chief Abdul Azim Mohamed Zabidi to be a candidate for the Supreme Council elections.

It was also told that the movement's branch meetings proceeded well and there were only 20 complaints on the conduct of the meetings.

Hishammuddin said the movement had set up a special committee headed by its assistant treasurer Mokhzani Mahathir to monitor and resolve problems at the branch and division levels.

The Exco also discussed the future direction of the movement and preparations for the Youth assembly on May 10.

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