

Hishammuddin: Nothing wrong with being anti-government

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon: There is nothing wrong with students being anti-government and anti-establishment as long as they do not get involved in activities that break the law.

Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said if university students are politically inclined "in a positive manner" they should be approached for their opinions:

"I have no problems with those being anti-government and anti-establishment. We should listen to them and give them a

chance to voice their feelings."

"We want to find out what is in their hearts," he said after an Umno Youth exco meeting today when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that anti-government students should be expelled.

However, Hishammuddin added that strict action should be taken against those who break the law and cause chaos.

He also said police should expedite their investiga-

tions into the cases of two university students who were arrested under the Internal Security Act recently

"Under the Penal Code, there are enough provisions to take action against the two. The investigations should be concluded as soon as possible and they should be charged in a court according to the normal procedures," he added.

Hishammuddin said he has **also** given the names of several people and movements who could be involved in such criminal activities.