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MOKHZANI RESIGNED NOT BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM ANYONE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 14 (Bernama) -- Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir resigned as Umno Youth Treasurer on his own accord and not because of pressure from anyone, the movement's head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said today.

The Youth and Sports Minister said this after the signing of the sponsorship agreement with Petronas, Telekom Malaysia, Tenaga Nasional and Proton for the hosting of the SEA Games here in September.

Hishammuddin said Mokhzani decided to resign after lengthy discussions with him.

The Umno Youth head announced on Tuesday that he had accepted Mokhzani's resignation as Umno Youth Treasurer.

Hishammuddin said Mokhzani had long discussions with him and felt that the time had come for him to hand over the responsibility to a new person.

Mokhzani had pledged to help and contribute towards the movement in the future and this assurance had been welcomed, he added.

In April, Mokhzani announced that he was withdrawing from the corporate world following allegations which discredited his name and that of his father, the Prime Minister.

Hishammuddin also said that at next week's Umno General Assembly he would table the Umno Youth work programme for the next three years, which would be based on four areas -- Islam, social issues, education and training.

"The four areas will set the direction for the Umno Youth Movement for the next three years and the work programme will be implemented at all levels right from the grassroot level," he said.

He said the various bureaus under the movement would also be reshuffled to bring them in line with the new work programme.

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