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OVER 100 NEW FACES ELECTED IN UMNO YOUTH ELECTION

KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- A total of 102 new faces have been elected so far when 153 out of the 165 Umno Youth divisions have completed their delegates' meetings.

Umno Youth Chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the new faces made up about 70 per cent of the Umno Youth leadership.

Speaking at a news conference after chairing the Umno Youth executive council meeting, here today, Hishammuddin, who is also the Youth and Sports Minister, said he would appoint new state Umno Youth chiefs soon.

Nine out of 13 state chiefs had passed the age limit of 40, disqualifying them to lead the movement, he said.

He said the state youth chiefs and their divisional committees would hear a message from Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on his vision for the movement on May 29 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC).

"This, I feel, will open a new chapter in the struggle of the Umno Youth," he said.

He thanked all quarters for monitoring the divisional election process of the movement.

Hishammuddin also said there were attempts to manoeuvre the election but were unsuccessful due to the popularity of the candidates.

However, he said the movement would fight for the interest of those who felt that they were victims of such manoeuvre.

On the decision of a member of the Umno Youth executive council, Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir to contest for the Lumut divisional chief, Hishammuddin said his advice was to consider contribution he could give to the movement.

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