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SETTLE YOUR PROBLEMS WITH DAP FIRST, UMNO YOUTH TELLS PAS

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein today asked PAS leaders to resolve their problems with DAP first before questioning Malaysia's status as an Islamic state.

Being a former ally in the opposition alliance, PAS was the rightful party to explain the Islamic state concept to DAP which did not understand the matter, he said.

"I advise the opposition to explain to the DAP first because the party does not understand," he told reporters after opening the Fifth Asia-Europe Young Leaders' Symposium here.

Hishammuddin, who is Youth and Sports Minister, said this when asked to comment on PAS's persistence questioning the declaration of Malaysia as an Islamic state by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Sept 29.

DAP secretary-general Kerk Kim Hock had said the party and Malaysians who understood and accepted the secular system as enshrined in the Federal Constitution were shocked by Dr Mahathir's declaration.

Hishammuddin said PAS's sloganism about Islamic state concept would be meaningless if it failed to change the world's perception on Islam.

"We can become a local hero but if we cannot change the perception of the world on Islam, it is pointless," he added.

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