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Hishammuddin-Youth

WAN MOHAMMAD KHAIR-IL REPLACES MOKHZANI AS UMNO YOUTH TREASURER

KUALA LUMPUR, June 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir has resigned as Umno Youth treasurer and has been replaced by the movement's Economic Bureau chief Wan Mohammad Khair-il Anuar Wan Ahmad.

This was confirmed by Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, who said he received Mokhzani's resignation letter yesterday.

"I would like to state that I had been discussing with Mokhzani for some time, and I feel that the time has come for him to hand over the responsibility to another person," he told reporters after chairing the Umno Youth Exco meeting here today.

Hishammuddin said Mokhzani had assured him that he would continue to contribute to the movement.

"Actually, I want to refrain from giving clarifications on certain posts as it will open the door to all sorts of other questions," he said when declining to elaborate on Mokhzani's resignation.

Last April, Mokhzani announced his withdrawal from the corporate world because he was upset by allegations that tarnished his name and that of his father, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Hishammuddin also announced the appointment of 11 new Umno Youth state chiefs and the re-appointment of two -- Roslan Saidin of Penang and Tawfiq Abu Bakar Titingan of Sabah.

The new faces are Abdul Jamil Saad (Perlis), Ariffin Man (Kedah), Mohd Rujahan Salleh (Kelantan), Din Adam (Terengganu), Nasir Ismail (Perak), Ismail Mohd Said (Pahang), Ahmad Nawawi Mohd Zain (Selangor), Haidar Ali Sheikh Fadzir (Federal Territory), Abdul Ghani Hassan (Negeri Sembilan), Jamilludin Jonit (Melaka) and Ayub Rahmat (Johor).

Hishammuddin expressed confidence that the newly appointed leaders would reach out to the grassroots and strengthen the movement.

He also announced the appointment of three new Umno Youth Exco members. They are Juhari Janan of the Kinabatangan division, Khairy Jamaluddin (Tampin) and Ab Rauf Yusoh (Bukit Bintang).

The two Exco members retained are Datuk Wan Ahmad Farid Wan Salleh (Kuala Terengganu) and Shamsul Najmi Shamsuddin (Maran).

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