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MCA YOUTH ACCEPTS DR MAHATHIR'S QUIT DECISION

KUALA LUMPUR, June 28 (Bernama) -- The MCA Youth today accepted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to resign from his post and expressed support for Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to lead the nation.

"Prime Minister (Dr Mahathir) has chosen to step down and this is a shock to the people and we (MCA Youth) feel the loss of a calibre leader".

The MCA Youth said this in a resolution passed at its 39th general assembly held at the party headquarters here.

The movement said it felt relieved after Dr Mahathir decided to stay in his post until October next year to ensure a smooth transition in the country's leadership.

In another resolution, the MCA Youth called on the people to reject PAS' implementation of hudud laws in Terengganu as it said the proposed laws clearly violated women's rights.

The PAS-led Terengganu government plans to table the proposed Syariah Criminal Enactment Bill (Hudud and Qisas) in the state legislative assembly next month.

"The PAS-led Terengganu government wants to pass the hudud laws which humiliate women and this is in conflict with the Federal Constitution which provides freedom of worship," it said.

The movement also slammed the DAP for holding a secret pact with PAS, saying that the opposition party had betrayed the rights of the Chinese in the country.

The MCA Youth also called on the government to provide opportunities to all races to be involved in nation-building.

It urged the Entrepreneur Development Ministry to provide assistance under a youth entrepreneur scheme to all young entrepreneurs regardless their race.

The movement called on small and medium-scale (SMI) industries to promptly improve their production quality and competitive edge in preparing for China's admission to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as well as the implementation of the Asean Free Trade Area (Afta).

In its resolution on education, the MCA Youth expressed full support on the government's move to provide 10 per cent quota for non-Bumiputera students in Mara junior science colleges and matriculation programmes.

The movement urged the government to implement measures to reduce racial polarisation in public tertiary education institutions in efforts to enhance the existing close relations among the various communities.

"We call on the party leadership and Chinese community to work together in strengthening the society's command of English," it said.

The MCA Youth also called on the Education Ministry to review the current admission system for public universities to enable it to be fairer and more transparent.

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