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AVOID RESOLUTIONS THAT CAN'T HELP UMNO, SAYS HISHAMMUDDIN

BUTTERWORTH, April 20 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein today called on party members to stop making resolutions that cannot strengthen Umno, especially those pertaining to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to resign as prime minister and Umno president.

"Certain stories or motions which contradict with reality, I feel these will not help the party and I hope it can be stopped," he told reporters when asked on the motion raised by the Pendang Umno division that Dr Mahathir remained as Umno president.

"Personally, as far as I am concerned, Dr Mahathir's decision is final and we have to respect the decision and I think that is the process that we go through, and harping on the same issue is not healthy for the party," he said.

He said Umno Youth would not support any group in Umno who raised such issues and could jeopardise solidarity in the party.

"Dr Mahathir's decision is final and we must respect the decision made and give our support to Pak Lah (Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi) who has been named as the successor," he said after opening the delegates meeting of the Tasik Gelugor Umno Youth movement at Sungai Dua, here.

Hishammuddin, who is also Youth and Sports Minister, said so far he had not received such a resolution from any Umno Youth division.

He called on Umno Youth at all levels to reject any stories about the selection of leaders or filling up party positions because the priority now was to ensure that Umno won and not jostling for positions.

As the Youth head, he said he would identify pro-tem Youth leaders who would be appointed after the re-delineation of electoral boundaries based on the leaders' capability and credibility.

At the function, he received application forms from 100 members of the Sungai Petani Keadilan Youth movement to join Umno Youth from former exco member of the Sungai Petani Keadilan Youth movement Mohamad Rafi Mydin.

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