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Hishammuddin-Reshuffle

UMNO YOUTH WILL BE RESHUFFLED IF NECESSARY - HISHAMMUDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth Movement Chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said he would not hesitate to conduct a major reshuffle within the movement if the move was found necessary.

He said the reshuffle would be carried out if existing leaders were incapable of activating the party machinery at state level particularly in efforts to recapture Kelantan and Terengganu from the opposition.

"I shall make the decision as to who we will select to represent (the movement), incapable leaders will not be entrusted with the responsibility, I shall not hesitate to switch them," he said.

"I shall decide when the time comes and it may not necessarily be in Kelantan only. I can change tomorrow if I want to," he told a media conference held after launching the Malaysian Peace Initiative (PEACE Malaysia) logo here today.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced a reshuffle in the Kelantan Umno Liaison Committee by appointing several new faces, including for the post of deputy chairman, as a strategy to recapture the state from the opposition.

"We welcome this decision, it is a good development. The message from the leader is very clear that one may not need to hold a high post to be recognised as a leader.

"What is important is that they approach the people, even though they do not hold any posts, they do (approach the people). If they bring good and benefit Umno's struggles, the leadership will recognise (their contributions) like what we see has happened in Kelantan," he said.

Hishammuddin said the similar message was also being given to the younger leaders despite already being satisfied with the present situation.

Earlier, Hishammuddin launched the Malaysian Peace Initiative (PEACE Malaysia) logo in Kuala Lumpur.

PEACE Malaysia is being formed with the objective of uniting people from various backgrounds in the country to enable them to voice their strong opposition against any war and to see world peace restored.

"Through such an alliance, Malaysians can tell the world that they wish to see a solution reached for the good of all mankind and this has to be done in a fair and overall manner," he said.

The alliance will see the involvement of various youth, student and religious associations, uniformed groups, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as political parties including the opposition.

PEACE Malaysia would, among others, also draw out a memorandum, voicing the desires of Malaysians, which would be submitted to leaders of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) who will be holding their summit in Kuala Lumpur next month.

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