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UNITY MUST BE REALISED- HISHAMMUDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- The concept of unity must not be a mere slogan but ought to be translated into a strong movement and protected, Barisan Nasional (BN) Youth Chief Datuk Hishammuddin said here today.

"Irrespective of religion, race or gender we must unite to face global challenges and the agenda of super powers and extremist groups," he said at a media conference after attending the opening of the 16th Gerakan Youth and Women Delegates Meeting here.

"If only the silent majority unite we can make sure extremist groups and the agenda of big powers will not distract our larger objective," he said.

Referring to the Gerakan's Vision 2020 exhibition being held here, to pay tribute to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he said it was very important to be reminded of the hard-earned achievements over the years.

"We need to remind all our youths from time to time because sometimes we forget our achievements. It was not an overnight success or a miracle but it took a lot of hard work and tears.

"This is the beauty and identity of BN which is able to translate into something concrete," said Hisammuddin.

He said programmes like Gerakan's "Anak Malaysia" project adopted to create a united, progressive and a confident younger generation was crucial in promoting unity.

"I will not hesitate to take the project to the national level. The success is not to rely on how active the project is but how to inculcate unity among youths," said Hishammudin who is also Umno Youth chief.

On PAS' recent new dress code ruling in Kelantan, he personally felt the move reflected the shallow thinking of the opposition leaders and how they treated women.

"They are running out of ideas. Here we are trying to develop a multicultural society by the year 2020 at the very highest level but they (PAS) are caught up with the mind-set of what to wear, whether one can dance or not, or can take part in sports," he added.

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