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Hishammuddin-Aziz

ABDUL AZIZ APPOINTED KEDAH UMNO YOUTH CHIEF

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 20 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth Movement vice-chief, Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir was today appointed as Kedah Umno Youth chief to replace Ariffin Man.

The movement's chief, Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the move was made following Ariffin's appointment as Kedah UMNO liaison committee executive secretary on Dec 1.

"This appointment will strengthen (Umno) Youth in Kedah where Ariffin is the state liaison committee's executive secretary," he told reporters after chairing the movement's executive committee meeting, here.

As executive secretary, Ariffin would assist Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain activate the Kedah Umno election machinery.

"The time has come for me to give more attention to the new post and now focus on Kedah Umno," he said.

Meanwhile, Hishammuddin expressed confidence that Abdul Aziz, as the newly-appointed Kedah Umno youth chief, would spur the movement to be more aggressive in preparations for the general elections.

He said, Umno president, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was informed of the appointment after the matter had been discussed among state Umno Youths.

The appointment, he said, was in line with the aspirations of the leaders that anyone committed in ensuring the party's victory would be exposed while those who were not would be advised to make way for others to carry the responsibility.

"Therefore, it is not an issue that Umno Youth vice-chief (Abdul Aziz) goes to Kedah to hold the post of Kedah Umno Youth chief to enable all our efforts to materialise and be well-received by Youths at state levels," he said.

Hishammuddin said the movement which also recently launched the "Peace Malaysia" comprising non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other groups with the objective of helping war-crime victims, had to date gathered 237 associations consisting of three million members.

"Peace Malaysia" would seek to help war victims through the various activities which were to be conducted soon, he said.

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