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DIVISIONAL UMNO YOUTH MEMBERS HAVE RIGHT TO DECIDE ON CANDIDATES

PUTRAJAYA, June 18 (Bernama) -- The Umno Youth members at the divisional level have a right to decide on the candidates to contest for the top posts in the movement, Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said today.

He said that although the Youth liaison bodies at the state level could comment on the choice of candidates, the divisions need not follow their suggestion.

If there were nominations at the divisional level for certain individuals to contest high posts in the movement, they could not be stopped," he said after leading a 12 members delegation of Umno Youth executive committee members to call on former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here.

Hishammuddin said that Umno practised democracy and freedom of choice.

He also reminded Umno Youth members who offered themselves as candidates not to contest for the sake of posts.

He said he wanted to see the Youth leaders joining him in translating the movement's struggle into a work culture instead of thinking only of posts.

On Tebrau Umno division chief Datuk Shahrir Samad's statement that Umno lacked back-up leaders to fill the shoes of the present leaders, he said Umno's future did not depend on one individual or one post.

He said it was too early for the top Umno Youth leaders to think about jostling for posts in the supreme council.

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