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Respect Dr M's decision, members told

BUTTERWORTH, Sun. - Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein today urged all party members to stop making resolutions on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to step down as this would not help strengthen the party.

Describing the act as "unhealthy" for the party, he said Dr Mahathir had made his decision clear to all and it was important that the people respected his decision.

"Stop harping on the matter. It is not healthy for the party at all. As far as I am concerned, Dr Mahathir's decision is final and we should respect it.

"The Prime Minister has also indicated who his successor would be and we should all give our fullest support to him - Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"Life must go on. That is the kind of process we have to go through," he said after opening the Tasek Gelugor Umno Youth division delegates conference in Sungai Dua, near here.

Present were Tasek Gelugor Umno division chief Datuk Seri Mohd Shariff Omar, Tasek Gelugor Wanita division chief Datuk Jahara Hamid and State Umno Youth chief Roslan Saidin.

Hishammuddin said this when asked to comment on Umno Youth's stand on the issue following calls by several divisions for Dr Mahathir to be retained as Umno president and Prime Minister after October.

The latest call was from the Pendang Umno division which yesterday passed a resolution calling for Dr Mahathir to be retained as Umno president after he steps down as prime minister in October.