

**Umno Youth Will Have To Face Consequences If Illegal Rally Proceeds**  
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PUTRAJAYA -- Home Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said on Friday that Umno Youth will have to face the consequences of their action if they proceed with their intention to hold an illegal rally on July 9.

Hishammuddin, who is also former Umno Youth chief, said nobody was above the law and that they (Umno Youth) would have to deal with the police just like others.

"My advice is the same to everybody and as I mentioned in Parliament, the police are looking at this as a security issue.

"I think when it comes to this, it doesn't matter if I am a former Umno Youth chief. Umno Youth will have to face whatever consequences of their action, as I had to when I was Umno Youth chief in my time," he told reporters after a meeting with an Australian delegation and representatives from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and International Organisation for Migration (IOM) here.

Hishammuddin was asked to comment on Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin's announcement that they will be also be organising a rally this July 9 to hand in a memorandum to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in supporting democracy and the role and reformation carried out by Election Commission (EC).

The Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (Bersih) is also organising a rally on that day.

Asked whether the stand taken by the Youth was Umno's stand, Hishammuddin said the decision to organise the rally was an executive committee decision.

Therefore, he said, it was purely the Youth's stand, not Umno's as a whole.

On a claim by two Singaporean women that they were ordered to strip naked while detained by a Johor Immigration officer earlier this week, Hishammuddin confirmed that two officers from the detention centre had been suspended.

He, however, said he had yet to receive the full report on the incident.

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