

**Umno Youth Calls For Stiffer Punishment Against Acid Splashers**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth today urged the government push for stiffer penalties against acid splashers to commensurate with the suffering of the victims.

Its community complaints bureau chairman Datuk Muhd Khairun Aseh said with only light punishment handed out now, offenders would continue with their activity and become a threat to the safety and life of the individuals concerned.

He said according to the law, offenders could only be jailed up to three or fined RM1,000 or both upon conviction.

The punishment was not commensurate with the serious injury, suffering and trauma borne by the victims, Muhd Khairun told reporters after visiting the latest acid-splashed victim at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital, here.

The victim in her 20s who works as a salesgirl in a supermarket was inside a car in Jalan Raja Laut when an unidentified man splashed her with acid and then escaped with two other men in a car on Aug 8.

Khairun said the government should also set up a system to register or to record purchases and sale of acids so that the product was not easily obtained by irresponsible people.

Regarding the condition of the latest victim, he said her face was almost scalded by the acid thrown on her at a short distance and Umno Youth had set up a special fund to collect donations to help her go for further treatment.

Yesterday, City police CID deputy head ACP Khairi Ahrasa said police were still investigating the case by checking on CCTV footage recordings on the surrounding area of the crime scene.

Meanwhile, Umno Youth will be launching 1Malaysia Rural Expedition programme to see to growth and development of rural industries the country on Oct 4.

Umno Youth head Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar told a press conference after launching the programme at the Putra World Trade Centre here Wednesday that the programme, held in collaboration with the Rural Industrial Entrepreneurs Council, was divided into four zones.

He said between 150 and 200 participants would be taking part in each zone.

He added that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was scheduled to launch the programme at PWTC.

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