

Separate Protests By Umno, Pas Youth Wings Over Anti-islam Film, Cartoons
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- The youth wings of Umno and PAS will stage protests tomorrow against an anti-Islam film and Islam-mocking cartoons separately and not together as originally planned due to security concerns, Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said Thursday.

He said the decision to hold the protests separately was reached yesterday at a meeting between him and PAS Youth chief Nasruddin Hassan, after getting the advice of Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

"We are concerned in terms of security. Tension will be high when too many supporters of people of differing political affiliations come together in front of the United States embassy," he told a news conference, here.

Khairy said Umno Youth did not want the protests against the film "Innocence of Muslims" which insulted Prophet Muhammad and Islam and the cartoons mocking the prophet in the French magazine Charlie Hebdo to be upstaged by any untoward incident involving supporters of both parties.

"I sought the advice of the home minister and was informed that it will be better to separate the crowd. With too many supporters around, there is the fear that something untoward may happen, and we do not want to send the wrong message to the world community," he said.

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