

Umno Youth Wants More Effective Laws Against Individuals Who Insult Religion, Race
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KLUANG, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Existing laws should be improved so that stern and immediate action can be taken against anyone who insults any religion or race in the country.

Its head, Khairy Jamaludin said delays in taking action was affecting the credibility of the government and law enforcers handling the issue.

"Umno Youth wants firm and quick action taken against anyone who insults religions and races in this country as we want to preserve harmony among the people.

"We do not want people to wonder why some cases are tackled quickly but no action is taken on others," he told reporters after opening a meeting of the Kluang Umno meeting here Friday.

Khairy, who is also the Youth and Sports Minister, said he had brought the matter up at the Cabinet meeting two days ago.

He said the government had directed the relevant parties to speed up their investigations into anyone who committed such offences.

Commenting on the boycott of products and brands linked to Israel, Khairy said all parties should be rational and not extreme in their actions such as what happened at the McDonald's outlet in Dungun, Terengganu.

He added that it was an individual's choice to boycott but it should not be imposed on anyone who was not responsible for what happened in Palestine.

On the issue of the vehicle entry permit imposed on Singaporean cars, Khairy said Umno youth supported its implementation and hoped the Transport ministry would bring it up in the Cabinet quickly.

Meanwhile, Khairy urged the Barisan Nasional (BN) to allocate 30 per cent of seats in the next general elections to candidates below 40 years of age as such a move would strengthen the coalition.

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