

Umno Youth slams Annan

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KUALA LUMPUR: The United Nations' failure to stop Israel's latest blitz on Lebanon and Palestine earned Umno Youth's wrath, which labelled the UN secretary-general Kofi Annan as a coward.

"Annan is a coward as he failed to stop attacks on innocent people in Lebanon and Palestine," said Umno Youth head Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein after officiating the Umno Youth League football tournament here yesterday.

UN should make use of its position and stop the killing of the innocent in Lebanon and Palestine, though a ceasefire now is of no use as Israel has achieved much of its objective.

He said Umno Youth and its counterparts within Barisan Nasional, non-governmental organisations and the people want Israel tried at the International Court of Justice.

Hishammuddin said if the world allows Israel to continue with its atrocities it means they approve what Israel is doing.

Hishammuddin also condemned the United States for its failure to act on Israel and called it the the Zionist nation's puppet.

He said the movement would work with its Asean counterparts to find the best approach to stop Israel.

Meanwhile, 192 teams will vie for the Umno Youth Chief Cup. The tournament began yesterday and will end on Nov 5 in Perak. The tournament would be held in three stages — division, state and national.

The league is the prelude for Umno Youth's entry to the national football leagues. The league champion would receive RM20,000 cash, runner-up (RM15,000), third (RM10,000) and the fourth (RM5,000).

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