

Faisal: I met with discipline panel member

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KUANTAN, Wed. — Kuantan Umno vice-chairman Datuk Faisal Abdullah confirmed today that a member of the Umno disciplinary committee had met him over the allegation of money politics made by the incumbent division chief Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman.

The meeting, which lasted over one-and-a-half hour, took place during the weekend.

Without naming the committee member, Faisal said besides giving his statement, he also went through an interview.

“I was told by the member that the committee would get back to me later. I will extend my full co-operation to the investigation team.”

Faisal is one of three nominated to contest the division chief post.

Of the 65 Umno branches in the Kuantan division, Faisal obtained 31 nominations followed by deputy chairman Datuk Wan Adnan Wan Mamat (24) and Fauzi (10).

In submitting his resignation letter as Beserah State Assemblyman to State Umno chief Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob last Friday, Fauzi alleged that the outcome of the branch nomination was influenced by money politics.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, after chairing the party's supreme council meeting on Saturday, announced the setting up of an ad hoc committee to investigate Fauzi's allegations.

The supreme council also decided to postpone the Kuantan Umno division meeting pending completion of the investigation.

Faisal called on branches which had nominated him to co-operate with the investigation committee.

“Let the investigation determine whether Fauzi's allegations are true or not. We should be patient and wait for the outcome,” he said.

Faisal said based on democratic principles, everyone could take part in the contest.

“I am contesting on my own accord. I am not a proxy of Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob or a sponsored candidate of any quarters,” he added.

Faisal who is also the managing director of Rangkaian Delima Sdn Bhd, denied that the Anti-Corruption Agency had seized documents from the company's office.