

Suspended ex-Umno Youth leader back in politics

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KUALA LUMPUR: A former Umno Youth leader, suspended from the party five years ago, is back in active politics after the Umno supreme council lifted the suspension at its meeting here early this month.

"I will work closely with other members to ensure a victory for the Barisan Nasional in the Indera Kayangan by-election," former Seremban Umno Youth chief Datuk Dr Abdul Murad Ahmad told a press conference here yesterday.

In a letter to him dated Dec 13, Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob informed him that the supreme council meeting on Dec 7 decided to lift the suspension with immediate effect.

Thanking Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and other council members, Dr Abdul Murad, 46, pledged his loyalty to the party and said he would actively contribute to its growth at branch, division and national levels.

"I hope to be given the chance to make my contributions to the party, especially in building up the Malay entrepreneurs, who need Umno to take up their cause," he said.

Dr Abdul Murad, who is also a former Negri Sembilan Umno treasurer, was suspended on April 3, 1996 after he took a party member to court, following his failure to defend the Youth post in the party polls of that year.

He had since made several appeals against the suspension, including an appeal six months ago.