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Exco Wan Ahmad Khairil is Umno Youth treasurer

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Umno Youth executive council member Wan Ahmad Khairil Wan Ahmad has been appointed as the movement's treasurer, replacing Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir, who tendered his resignation yesterday.

Apart from that, three appointed exco members and 11 of the 13 State Youth heads have also been replaced in a reshuffle by Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein.

Hishammuddin said that he had a long discussion with Mokhzani regarding his resignation.

"We have been discussing the issue for quite sometime. We feel that it is time for him (Mokhzani) to hand over the job to a new person.

"However, Mokhzani has assured me that he will continue to contribute to Umno Youth."

Asked if Mokhzani's resignation would open the floodgates to speculation on the movement, Hishammuddin said: "There is bound to be speculation every day on Umno Youth. "

Hishammuddin, who is also Youth and Sports Minister, said this during a Press conference after chairing a two-hour Umno Youth executive council meeting at the party headquarters today.

Asked whether he was satisfied with the exco members performance in the past one year since they assumed the posts, Hishammuddin said: "We are still around. I am proud of my exco because in spite of criticisms, they still work.

"I want to look ahead, we should see what we can do for the movement in the future."

To a question on his statement last year that he would replace the exco members who had failed to perform, Hishammuddin said: "Newspaper reports have mentioned that the exco have done a good job in the past few months."

"Apart from me guiding the exco members, the public can gauge their performance.

"Those appointed should realise that it is not a privilege to hold positions but it is a responsibility." Hishammuddin said the exco members' immediate task was to prepare for the coming Likas by-election.

The three new appointed exco members are Juhari Janan, Khairy Jamaluddin and Abdul Rauf Yusof. They replace Jamiluddin Junit, Zain Isma Ismail and Sahar Sakar.

As for State Youth heads, the only two retained are Sabah Youth head Tawfiq Abu Bakar Titingan and Penang head Roslan Saidin.

The 11 new Youth heads are Abdul Jamil Saad (Perlis), Ariffin Man (Kedah), Mohd Rujahan Salleh (Kelantan), Din Adam (Terengganu), Nasir Ismail (Perak), Ismail Mohd Said (Pahang), Ahmad Nawawi Mohd Zain (Selangor), Haidar Ali Sheikh Fadzir (Federal Territory), Abdul Ghani Hassan (Negri Sembilan), Jamiluddin Junit (Malacca) and Ayub Rahmat (Johor).

On the appointment of the bureau heads and deputies, Hishammuddin said that he would only make the announcement after the Umno general assembly next week.