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Umno Youth division posts up for grabs

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ALOR STAR, Tues. - At least seven Umno Youth division chief posts in Kedah are certain to be up for grabs in the March party divisional elections as the incumbents have reached the 40 years age limit.

The positions of the remaining eight youth division chiefs are also uncertain as at least six of them are likely to be challenged.

All the incumbents who have to relinquish their posts, however, had expressed desires to vie for top posts in their respective Umno divisions.

Some of the hopefuls are keen to go for the division chief, the deputy and vice chief posts, while others preferred appointed positions.

Those who have reached the age limit and interested to move to the Umno divisions are State Umno Youth leader Wahab Din who is the Baling Youth chief, Datuk Shuhaimi Abdullah (Yan), Ismail Tayib (Jerlun), Halim Said (Kuala Kedah), Abdul Halim Mohamed (Padang Serai), Abdul Lateh Md Saman (Pokok Sena) and Shuib Taib (Sungai Petani).

Sources said while eight other incumbent youth chiefs are still eligible to defend their posts, there are likely to be contests in Kubang Pasu, Pendang, Langkawi, Sik, Alor Star and Kuala Kedah.

"There are also a few of these incumbents who are considering contesting for posts in the division and if this happens, than there will be contests in more divisions," said a division youth leader.

Sources also said only two incumbents - Kulim/Bandar Baru youth chief Mohd Azimi Daim and Mokhzani Mahathir (Merbok), would not be challenged.

The posts currently held by Hamlan Din (Sik), Ariffin Man (Pokok Sena), Roslan Elam Din (Alor Star), Ir Nawawi Ahmad (Langkawi), Mohd Radzi Ayob (Kubang Pasu) and Abdullah Bahari (Pendang) are not considered safe.

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