

'No truth to Umno claims about youth'

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KOTA BARU, Tues. — Pas Youth chief Mahfuz Omar today challenged Umno to prove the claims of its leaders that young Malays are supporting Umno.

He said the claims, including that made by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, were baseless as the support from young Malays was minimal.

"If Umno is getting all the support it claims it is enjoying, then the Prime Minister should call for a snap election.

"The Opposition, not Umno, is in the better position to face a general election," he said.

Alleging that Umno leaders were "saying things to make themselves happy", Mahfuz said Umno was still looking for ways to woo young Malays to its side.

Mahfuz also did not consider Umno Youth and Puteri Umno to be a threat to Pas when it came to reaching out to young voters.