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Youth-Nomination (Khair Toyo)

TASEK GELUGOR NOMINATES KHIR TOYO FOR YOUTH VICE HEAD

BUTTERWORTH, July 10 (Bernama) -- The Tasek Gelugor Umno Youth division sprang a surprise today when it nominated Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri

Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo for the movement's national vice-head's post.

Although Dr Mohamad Khir has never offered himself for the post, the division unanimously nominated him for the Umno Youth vice-head's post.

The division also nominated incumbent Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, who is the Education Minister, for the movement's top post.

When asked to comment on the nomination of Dr Mohamad Khir, Tasek

Gelugor Umno Youth head Zulkifli Yahaya said it was to give an alternative

to Umno Youth to choose a candidate who was truly qualified for the number two post.

He said Umno Youth Exco member, Khairy Jamaluddin, who has received the most number of nominations for the number two post, "is too young and has much time ahead" to continue the movement's struggles.

Zulkifli said that Khairy's capability had yet to be proven and that he still had a lot to learn in politics.

He also said that the division did not take into consideration the fact that Khairy was the Prime Minister's son-in-law when it made the decision.

Dr Mohamad Khir is the fourth candidate to be named for the post after

Khairy, Datuk Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir and Datuk Azimi Daim.

So far, Khairy has secured more than 50 nominations while Mukhriz, Azimi and Dr Mohamad Khir have one each.

As at 9.30pm, the outcome of the election at the divisional level was

still unknown. Zulkifli is being challenged by Azmi Alang.

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