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Victory almost in the bag for Khairy

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Khairy Jamaluddin looks poised to win the Umno Youth vice-chief's post uncontested, with all Youth divisions which held their meetings today throwing their support behind him.

The 28-year-old son-in-law of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi began amassing nominations right from the start of the Youth divisional elections last week and to date has 138 nominations.

Trailing far behind are Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir with six nominations, followed by Datuk Azimi Daim, two, and Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo, one.

All the Youth divisions which met today also nominated incumbent Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein to retain his Youth chief's post.

He now has 147 nominations.

Meanwhile, Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman still has five nominations to challenge Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz for the Wanita chief's post.

All 13 Wanita divisions which met today rallied behind Rafidah, increasing her nominations to 140.

Wanita vice-chief Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil also received the nominations of all 13 divisions today, bringing her total to 145.

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