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Mukhriz to contest committee post

ALOR STAR, Sat. - Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir has decided to take up his nomination for one of the 15 Kubang Pasu Umno division committee posts.

After last night's defeat for the Kubang Pasu division youth chief's post, the son of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is now vying for a place on the committee.

Mukhriz, 40, was surprised to learn that he had been nominated for the post of committee member on returning home late last night.

"I was surprised when I received a letter informing me that I can contest one of the division's posts. Till last night, I had only thought of winning the division's youth chief's post and a place on the (national) Umno Youth executive council.

"But now I will take up the offer, as it gives me another opportunity to serve the constituency and division," he said.

An aspirant for a divisional committee post is required to get two branch nominations to contest the seat.

Mukhriz was beaten by Kubang Pasu Umno division pro-tem deputy chief Zulkifli @ Md Ros Ahmad, who polled 141 votes to Mukhriz's 132 in the contest for the Kubang Pasu Umno Youth chief post last night.

Mukhriz, who is also president of the Mara Junior Science Colleges student alumni (Ansara), was nominated at last night's meeting to contest the Umno Youth deputy chief's post in the movement's elections in September.

Commenting on last night's results, Mukhriz said the defeat would not deter him from serving the division's movement.

"I accept the grassroots' decision but I will continue to stay in the division. I feel that someone from my family should always be here to serve the division in return for the support they have shown to my father."

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