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Umno Youth supports Abdullah, Najib for top posts

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Umno Youth movement in all States today pledged support for Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Datuk Seri Najib Razak as Umno president and deputy President.

The support was voiced out at a meeting chaired by the movement's chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein at the party headquarters today.

The show of support followed a statement by Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah that he was prepared to go for the number one position in the party.

Almost all State Umno Youth chiefs were present. Those who could not make it were represented by their deputies.

"All have unanimously pledged undivided support to Abdullah and Najib as party president and deputy president," said Hishammuddin.

The meeting was held to get feedback on on-going youth divisional elections.

Abdullah became acting party president after the retirement of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad last October.

Najib, one of Umno's three vice-presidents, is carrying out the duties of deputy president.

The Umno supreme council had proposed that the two top posts in the party be uncontested.

Hishammuddin also said the movement was confident that the effort to curb money politics in the party would be intensive.

"The party leadership and management is serious about this," he said.

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