

Khairy: I'm ready to quit if I'm a liability

KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin is prepared to quit his post if the movement considers him a liability.

Nevertheless, as a mark of respect for party members, he said that any decision on his position could be decided only by the movement's delegates as they were the ones who elected him.

"Only they can decide. Nobody can force a person to leave except those who elected the leader.

"Leaders carry out the delegates' mandate. If the leader does not have the credibility or is a liability to an organisation, he cannot cling on to his post. He must realise this.

"So, I want to seek the views of Umno Youth members at the grass-

roots whether I've become a liability with all the speculation about me," he said after opening the Cheras Umno Youth delegates conference yesterday.

Asked to comment on talk that there were officers working on the fourth floor of the Prime Minister's Department who had the power to influence government decisions, Khairy said the claim was an insult to

the prime minister.

Khairy said the allegation was baseless as all government decisions were made by the prime minister with the Cabinet's nod.

Asked to comment on claims he had become a millionaire overnight as he could afford to buy ECM Libra Berhad shares, Khairy said: "I borrowed the money." - Bernama