

# Focus on service, says Khairy

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Umno Youth members have been told to focus on serving the people and not speculate on election dates or whether he would take on the chief's post, said its deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin.

Campaigning for the elections only accounted for a small portion of the work, as most of the time should be spent on serving the people, he said.

Khairy refused to be drawn into speculations that he would be contesting for the top youth post if the present head Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein ends up vying for the Umno vice-president's post, as suggested by one youth division on Friday.

"Let's not focus on party elections right now.

What is the point of focusing on it when the general election comes first?

"What is important now is for Umno Youth to prepare the mechanism for the general election and for youths to help the Government fulfil promises made in the 2004 elections," he said in his speech at the Bukit Bintang Umno Youth divisional meeting yesterday.

Earlier, Bukit Bintang Umno Youth chief Baderisham Jolly said that they would back Khairy if the top post fell vacant.

On whether Barisan Nasional would achieve an easy victory in the upcoming general election, given the current state of opposition parties, he said: "Winning is never easy. It is the voters that count."