

# Rotten eggs

## will not hurt me, says Khairy

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**SEREMBAN:** Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin is unfazed by a Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) delegate's threat to throw rotten eggs or tomatoes at him to prevent him from speaking at public events.

"My responsibility is to destroy the opposition. If they want to welcome me with an eggplant or rotten egg and tomatoes ... let them do it. I am not afraid," he told reporters.

He was commenting on the call made by PKR Federal Territory delegate Othman Karim during the debate on the president's address at the party's annual congress here yesterday.

Othman said Khairy was a destroyer and a "murderer" of opposition parties.

"Attack him. Arm ourselves with rotten eggs or tomatoes when he comes around and throw them at him. His voice must not be heard," said Othman.

Meanwhile, some of the PKR delegates felt that the party was not prepared to face the general election, which some predicted would be called as early as August.

Ong Chin Wen of Penang said this would be PKR's last congress before the general election was held and urged party members to gear up for the possibility that it would take place.

"We must start to *turun padang* (go down to the grassroots) especially in areas where we will be contesting.

"If we were to do that, Barisan Nasional would not succeed in its propaganda," he added.

Dr Jeffrey Kitingan of Sabah urged the leadership to have a discussion on preparations for the general election soon.

Md Shah Amin of Malacca said PKR should only contest in places where the party and its policies were accepted.

Wanita executive council member Dr Daroyah Alwi said she was sad that the delegates did not vote in enough women and were not gender sensitive.

"We are all wives, mothers and working women and we leave our husbands and children to come here.

"We spend our free time for the party's struggle and it is sad that we are not getting due appreciation and recognition," she said.

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