

Umno youth questions PAS's capability in Kelantan

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KOTA BARU: Umno Youth wants the people of Kelantan to evaluate the capability of the administration of the PAS state government which it claims hinges only on one state executive councillor.

Its vice-head, Khairy Jamaluddin, said the councillor, Datuk Husam Musa, the chairman of the state finance planning committee, was the one who replied to various issues raised while the menteri besar and deputy menteri besar remained silent.

"The menteri besar (Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat) or the deputy menteri besar (Datuk Ahmad Yakob) have to reply to

issues affecting the state, just like what the Barisan Nasional (BN) mentris besar do," he told reporters after a meeting with the Kelantan Umno Youth committee, here yesterday.

He said the menteri besar and deputy menteri besar spoke very little, even on the issue of environmental damage caused by illegal logging in the Lojing Highlands, and asked what had happened to the executive councillors responsible.

Khairy questioned Husam's connection with

the Lojing issue, saying that Husam was the one replying to the matters raised but his replies were not to the satisfaction of the people.

"He has blatantly accused me on the question of sale of shares but what has happened is that logging concessions (in Kelantan) have been given to companies with foreign ownership which have caused environmental damage and brought about a long-term negative impact on the people of the state," he said.

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Khairy said the PAS government in Kelantan was unable to implement development programmes for the people but, in the case of Lojing, they were prepared to sacrifice the state's assets to companies with majority foreign ownership.

Khairy said the state government should assume responsibility in the Lojing issue which had become a national issue because it showed that PAS gave priority to profits and not the future of the people in Kelantan.

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