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Khairy: Take Dr M's new party seriously

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SEPANG: Umno Youth members have been reminded not to take the imminent formation of a new party by former prime minister and Umno leader Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad lightly.

Its chief, Khairy Jamaluddin, said it would be arrogant to do so, particularly as leaders of the new party are said to be "a powerhouse" in the persons of Dr Mahathir, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir.

"We should say, it's all right, we will take the party seriously because it is formed by bigwigs.

"But, we are confident and believe the party will not get the support of the majority of Malays compared with Umno."

Officiating at the closing of the Sepang Umno Youth and Puteri conference last night, Khairy said the situation might change if the party that was to be formed carried a larger agenda for the country, not solely to topple a leader.

He said the aim of the party, which as understood, would be spearheaded by Muhyiddin to draw Umno backers and members' support for its agenda to topple party president Datuk Seri Najib Razak, was something that the Youth wing should pay attention to.

"As long as the president has not committed any wrong and is trustworthy, our responsibility as the party's youth is to defend the presidential institution and the party leadership, which had been elected democratically," he said.

He reiterated that Umno Youth and other members should not worry about being labelled, *macai*, *balaci* and other negative nicknames in their role as defenders of the party and the president because it was a responsibility they must carry out as the party's machinery.

"We must double our efforts to make sure that the president is not alone.

"We must ensure that whatever he says are conveyed to the people, and that we speak about them and mention them everywhere because that is our role as the 'hands and engine' of the president," he said.

Khairy said Umno members must not allow the "give in" attitude to set in against negative perceptions of them created by the enemy.

He said, instead, they must rise and promptly defend the party, particularly in the challenging political environment.