

Khairy: Pemuda would not beg if considered not winnable
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 3 – Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin today said he would not “beg” if considered not “winnable” to stand in the upcoming elections.

The youth leader was responding to Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak’s call for “irrelevant” elected representatives to make way for younger and fresher candidates in the upcoming elections.

Speaking to reporters on the last day of Umno’s assembly here, Khairy (picture) said the prime minister had instructed him to form a list of Umno Youth candidates to stand in the 13th general elections.

“We will give the list of names based on the criteria of ‘winnable candidate’, but with the list is also our oath – where we will ask only once, and when the decision is made, we will support it,” Khairy said.

“I’m not that kind of Pemuda to beg two or three times. Even though if my name is not there, we wouldn’t beg. We won’t wait outside the gates of Seri Perdana (the prime minister’s official residence),” he added.

In his opening address on Tuesday, Najib urged unpopular elected representatives to make a graceful exit and pave the way for fresher candidates in the upcoming elections.

Umno leaders, including vice-presidents Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein and Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamid, have come out in support of their president’s call.

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