

**Umno Youth Struggles Based On Service, Not 'Pressure Group' - Khairy
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- The cause of the Umno Youth movement now is based on deeds to resolve the problems of the people instead of being a 'pressure group', said its head Khairy Jamaluddin.

He said if the movement were to become a 'pressure group' its struggles would be restricted to mere talks and expressing opinions whereas providing service would bring about tangible results and benefits for the people, especially the young generation.

"We can apply pressure and ask for all kinds of things but pressure is easy talk, is cheap, we can't be a group that just come out with press statements.

"What's important is to solve the issue of the people with our programmes, if you want a pressure group, you go to the 60's lah," he told reporters here, Wednesday.

He said this after delivering his policy speech in conjunction with the Umno Youth General Assembly 2011 at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Asked if the movement now "had not lost its bite but merely keeping its claws", Khairy replied: "The Youth (movement) has not lost its claws or bite. We still have the bite and claws, but we want to resolve the people's problems first."

Meanwhile, he said the movement was scrutinising the list of 'winnable candidates' from among its membership and would forward the list to Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak shortly.

"I have to do my own research, all candidates operate in their own division, so I base my research on the report and also their own work in Umno Youth. On the number of candidates from the Youth movement, PM (Prime Minister) has said that he would give appropriate consideration.

"On the percentage, I have asked for a decent number. The selection of candidates must be based on merit. I hope the Youth movement will be gauged based on their contribution and deeds to the people and party," he said.

When asked whether he was a 'winnable candidate', Khairy, who is also the Member of Parliament for Rembau, said it was up to the top Umno leadership to assess him based on his merit and service to the party and people.

"I'm confident we can win the majority (in the 13th general election), the young generation will be with us, we can compete well to gain the support of the young generation," he said.

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