

**'Heavyweight Defections' An Opposition Gimmick – Khairy  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- The defection of some Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders which has been described as 'heavyweight defections' by the opposition is merely an opposition gimmick to "pull wool over the eyes of the people", said Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin .

He said this was because the said leaders were no wanted by the Barisan Nasional coalition.

Citing the case of Tamrin Tun Ghafar who quit Umno to join PAS last night, Khairy said it was an opposition political plot because Tamrin himself had been out of Umno politics for so long, and that this is a way for him to 'get back on the horse'.

"I think the pro-opposition media is highlighting these defections to make it look grand and heavy, but it is not. Like (Datuk Seri) Wilfred Bumburing, he is not wanted anymore by the Tuaran people as their candidate and Lajim (Datuk Seri Lajim Ukin) is also not a party headliner.

"But (Opposition leader) Anwar (Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim) when people from our side jump to his side he says they don't like us and it's for the rakyat (people), but if people from his side jump ( to BN), he says it is because we give money. I'm sick of hearing this lies. Don't insult the people's intelligence," he told reporters here Sunday.

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