

**UMNO Youth Supports Call For Najib And Muhyiddin To Retain Their Posts**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 6 (Bernama) -- UMNO Youth supports the proposal that the posts of Umno president and deputy president should not be contested in the coming party election.

Its chief Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar said the UMNO wing believed that UMNO president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin were the most qualified to lead the party.

"Both of them must be retained to continue the national transformation agenda and strengthen UMNO, including to face the next general election," he told reporters after chairing a UMNO Youth executive council meeting at Menara Datuk Onn, Putra World Trade Centre in the capital, Thursday.

Although UMNO Youth supported that both party's top posts not to be challenged, he said the wing still respected the democratic process within the party which has been strengthened further through a constitutional amendment.

Khairy, who is also Youth and Sports Minister, said the 13th general election (GE) results proved that UMNO was a pillar of strength for the Barisan Nasional (BN) through the 88 parliamentary seats it won.

"UMNO's performance in 13th GE was better than the 2008 GE, therefore, it is important for us to continue to strengthened the party and ensure that it will get a better result in the 14th GE and not be involved in internal party problems," he said.

He said UMNO Youth also unanimously did not support the proposal by some parties who wanted BN to be a single party, adding that UMNO should continue to be a party that represents its members and the Malays.

At a separate press conference, UMNO Youth vice-chief Datuk Razali Ibrahim said the wing wanted Khairy to retain his post as UMNO Youth chief at the party election while he himself will not seek re-election.

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