

GE13: Khairy will defend Rembau seat, says Mohamad Hasan

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SEREMBAN: Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin will be defending his Rembau parliamentary seat in the upcoming 13th general election, Negri Sembilan Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said Thursday.

"As far as I know, the Prime Minister has endorsed him for Rembau," he said, responding to a Facebook post by Khairy earlier that he had informed Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak of his preference not to defend the seat.

Meanwhile, Khairy, in the post, said all that mattered to him was Barisan's victory in the election, and advised fellow Youth leaders not to make an issue if they were not shortlisted as Umno candidates.

"Let us not sulk or oppose if we are not chosen as candidates," he said, calling for party unity.

In 2008, Khairy defeated PKR's Badrul Hisham Shaharin (popularly known as Chegubard) with a 5,746-vote majority.

He was elected in 2009 as Umno Youth Chief, defeating International Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir and ex-Selangor Mentri Besar Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo.

Khairy said that he was not appointed to the Cabinet despite his success, which he said was used against him by his political enemies.

"Even so, I have not known the meaning of sadness, disappointment or anger. For the past four years, I have continued to fight and done my work the best I can," he said.

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