

Johor Umno Youth want contest for top post
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The Johor Umno Youth members have unanimously agreed that all top posts should see contests, including a challenge to incumbent Youth Chief Khairy Jamaluddin (picture) , in the October party polls.

Johor Umno Youth chief Datuk Zulkurnain Kamisan said the decision made at a special meeting in Batu Pahat was without any ulterior motive but in line with the party's constitution.

"The state Umno Youth is in fact grateful to Umno Youth which had toiled hard to keep the party intact.

"It is just that this time, we want the election to be conducted in tandem with the wishes of the grassroots," Zulkurnain was quoted as saying in Utusan Malaysia today.

The report said he also requested to the Umno leadership to provide a wider platform for the young blood to contest for post to move up the ranks.

They also praised party president Datuk Seri Najib Razak who had appointed many from the youth wing into his administration, the cabinet after the May 5 polls.

"We thank him (Najib) for the trust placed on youth members," he added.

However, the stand taken by the Johor Umno Youth movement was not in line with the position of the national youth wing which wanted Khairy to be given another term to lead.

Umno youth deputy chief Datuk Razali Ibrahim said that Khairy's leadership was still needed based on the achievements in the recent general election.

Kelantan Youth had also shared Razali's view that Khairy should be returned unopposed.

The much anticipated party polls will be a test to the constitutional amendments of the party, the main component of the Barisan Nasional (BN). - July 20, 2013.

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