

**Johor Umno Wants President, Deputy President Posts To Be Uncontested**  
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JOHOR BAHRU, August 18 (Bernama) - Johor Umno has decided that the Umno president and deputy president posts should be uncontested in the party elections this October.

State Umno liaison chairman Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said the decision was based on the strong support received from the people and the win in the 13th general election (GE13) in May.

"After discussions, we decided that in order strengthen the party, there should not be contest for the president and deputy president posts," he told reporters after chairing the Johore Umno liaison meeting here Sunday.

Mohamed Khaled had already announced that he will not contest in the party elections to focus on strengthening the party at state level.

The decision would give other Johor leaders and members to contest in the party elections and use it as a platform to nurture the spirit of cooperation among them.

The Johor Menteri Besar said the meeting also urged the federal government and state government to honour the Malays for their support in the last general election.

"Umno's strong position is based on support of the Malays. As such, Johor Umno wants the government to honour the Malays for the support given to the Barisan Nasional (BN) while not marginalising the other communities."

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