

**Umno Youth chief Khairy will defend his post**  
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Khairy Jamaluddin, the new go-to-guy that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak keeps by his side, will defend his position as the Umno Youth chief.

"After consulting my Umno Youth colleagues, I am requesting for one more term because there is work still to be done and my struggle unfulfilled," he was quoted as saying by Malaysiakini at a Hari Raya open house in Negeri Sembilan today.

The 37-year-old was elected as the youth wing chief in 2008 after a close three-way fight with Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir and former Selangor Menteri Besar Dr Mohd Khir Toyo.

Prior to today's announcement, Khairy did not state clearly if he was going to contest.

Umno's party polls will be held in early October. - August 18, 2013.

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