

Johor Baharu Umno Youth Leadership Candidates Look Ahead To 14th General Election
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JOHOR BAHARU, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Regardless the results of the contest, four candidates vying for the Johor Baharu Umno Youth leadership want to strengthen the movement in preparation for the 14th general election.

They felt that if the 13th general election could be used as a yardstick, the defeat of the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the contest for the Stulang state seat should be a wake-up call for the movement.

"After five years, still weak. To get 11 people to hold a meeting is also difficult. That is why we lost Stulang," said one of the candidates, Musbah Yusof, at the voting centre at Dewan Seri Tebrau here.

Another candidate, Syaiful Rizal Abdul Ghani, said the 14th general election was expected to be a tough one, and hence, the need for the Umno Youth machinery in Johor Baharu to be enhanced.

Mohd Tom Ghadafi Anwary said changes had to be made in the movement to further enhance cooperation and unity among members.

With the change in the political landscape, where many areas had fallen to the opposition in the 13th general election, Johor was no longer in the comfort zone, said candidate Nor Nekman Osman.

He said Umno Youth had to be really prepared to ensure a win for the party and the BN in the 14th general election.

The four candidates, who are new faces, are vying for the Johor Baharu Umno Youth chief post vacated by Khalid Mohamad who is ineligible to contest due to the age factor.

Meanwhile, the tussle for the Johor Baharu Wanita Umno leadership is a three-cornered fight among Salmah Saffar, Inzura Isnin and Saadiah Hussin.

For the divisional post of Puteri Umno head, Azura Mohd Afandi has been declared the winner unopposed.

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