

**National Issues Turn Off Young Voters In Kajang - Khairy  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth has identified national issues such as rising cost of living, economics, and housing as contributing factors that had turned off young voters in the Kajang state by-election recently.

Its chief, Khairy Jamaluddin said although the movement had reached out to as many young voters as possible, rising cost of living had turned many young voters away.

He said furthermore, Kajang was Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) stronghold for the past two general elections.

"We (Barisan Nasional) were at a disadvantage as they had chosen the place and time. And we had expected a drop in the number of young voters," he told reporters after chairing the Umno Youth Executive Committee meeting here today.

Khairy, who is also BN Youth chairman, said the BN Youth Lab 2.0 would be set up to analyse factors influencing the voting trend among young voters to regain their support.

PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail won the Kajang by-election, albeit with a reduced majority, beating BN's Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun in the by-election.

Meanwhile, Khairy said Umno Youth would send a memorandum to the 1Malaysia People's Housing (PR1MA) management to protest over the distribution of houses by a ballot draw as preference should be given to Bumiputera and youths.

Khairy, who is also Youth and Sports Minister, said he would raise the matter at the next cabinet meeting.

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