

**Kedah Umno wings urge Mukhriz to keep mum on Najib – Bernama
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The three wings of Kedah Umno have advised Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir against making a statement on April 24 on the state Umno stand on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Kedah Umno Youth chief Datuk Shaiful Hazizy Zainol Abidin said the request was made by the Kedah Umno Youth, Wanita Umno and Puteri Umno to Mukhriz at a meeting in Alor Star today.

He said the wings did not want the menteri besar to be put in a difficult position as he was a son of former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had been critical of Najib.

"We want him (Mukhriz) to give 100% to efforts to strengthen the party and administer the state. We fear that the April 24 statement (by Mukhriz) would be manipulated by irresponsible people," he told a news conference at the Kedah Umno building.

Shaiful said the three Kedah Umno wings supported the leadership of Mukhriz, who is the chairman of the Kedah Umno liaison committee, as well as that of Najib.

On the statement by Bukit Lada state assemblyman Datuk Ahmad Lebai Sudin calling on Mukhriz to step down as the menteri besar if he did not support Najib, he said they were unaffected by the statement.

"Kedah Umno is united and intact, and is not undermined by the statement by the Bukit Lada assemblyman. His statement is of a personal nature and we do not know the motive," he said.

He described the comments and criticism against the menteri besar as nothing more than mischief by those in the "political twilight" seeking a revival. – Bernama, April 16, 2015.

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