

Nothing2Hide forum organiser quits all Umno posts, to focus on law firm
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The organiser of the controversial Nothing2Hide forum earlier this month which did not materialise, Datuk Khairul Anwar Rahmat, has decided to quit all Umno posts.

A statement issued by his law firm Khairul Group said that its chairman will quit party posts effective July 11 in order to focus on expanding the group's business interests regionally.

Khairul (pic, left) will be quitting his posts as Kluang division youth chief, vice-chief of Johor Umno Youth, and chief secretary of Umno's legal bureau.

The statement said that the firm will focus on expanding their interests in Western Asia and Europe, an ambition that was put on the back burner due to Khairul's active participation in politics.

Khairul is also chairman of NGO SukaGuam, the organiser of the botched forum, which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak did not attend due to "security concerns".

The forum was supposed to be a dialogue between Najib and several NGOs, but the presence of his most strident critic, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, at the same forum, caused controversy.

Najib chose not to attend, leading to Dr Mahathir taking the stage, only to be stopped by police a few minutes into his speech.

In a separate statement, Khairul said that he made the decision after discussing the issue with his family members.

"Please pray that I am successful in whichever field I pursue," he said in a short statement issued from his hometown Kluang. – June 27, 2015.

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