

Fahmi: Khairy's call for Mahathir, Anwar, Kit Siang to quit is flawed
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The PKR communications director says benchmark for continuing to be in politics should be ability of one to serve the best interests of the people.

PETALING JAYA: The reasoning behind Umno Youth leader Khairy Jamaluddin's call for three "old" leaders to retire is flawed, says PKR communications director Fahmi Fadzil.

He said in a maturing democracy, the benchmark for continuing to be in politics should be the ability of the person to serve the best interests of the people and the nation.

He said if a person is doing the nation a great disservice, then that person must retire.

"That's why I think Khairy has trained his 'guns' on the wrong side of the political aisle."

He said members and leaders of the federal opposition were not the ones to be connected to financial scandals or alleged to have siphoned out a lot of money from the Sabah Water Department.

At a function earlier today, Khairy had asked PPBM chairman Dr Mahathir Mohamad, former PKR leader Anwar Ibrahim and DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang to retire and pave the way for younger leaders to take over.

"I do not mean that when we want the people to unite, they all should support Barisan Nasional, but we do not want a situation like today where politics in the country is filled with animosity, hatred and incitement, all created by these three politicians."

Khairy, who is also youth and sports minister, said Mahathir and Anwar, both former Umno leaders, were seen attempting to divide the Malays to achieve their own vested interests, while Lim, was trying to create a rift between the Malays and Chinese.

Fahmi said Khairy had not said anything about the ongoing 1MDB controversy or mobilised Umno Youth to protest the "political interference" of the US Department of Justice, as claimed by the attorney-general.

"Khairy should choose to either be a unifying political leader and bring the necessary change Malaysians are clamouring for or retire from politics and focus on his polo career.

“To be part of the Malaysian polo team is obviously a major endeavour, and surely he needs to focus and constantly train with the polo team in order to compete and win in the upcoming SEA Games.

“So, Khairy, which will you choose?”

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