

Khairy tells Mahathir, Anwar, Kit Siang to withdraw from politics
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The Umno Youth head says these three leaders cause rifts with their vested interests and should allow younger leaders to take their places.

KUALA LUMPUR: Umno Youth leader Khairy Jamaluddin today named three politicians who should retire from politics as they would continue to divide the people if they do not do so.

They are Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Parti Keadilan Rakyat de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim and DAP adviser DAP Lim Kit Siang.

“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.”

He said this at a media conference after opening the Wangsa Maju Umno Wanita, Youth and Puteri delegates conference here.

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.

He said the three leaders should allow the young people in their parties to take over.

“Give us (young people) a chance to contest in peace and in a healthy competition,” he added.

Meanwhile, Khairy said Umno leaders should inculcate the 5C culture, “clean, competent, compassionate, contemporary and competitive”, in the party for it to continue to receive the people’s support, especially from some Malays who felt they no longer needed Umno.

“They want to see the values, our commitment and efficiency.

“This is post-modern politics and they may not need anything, but we need them,” he added.

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