

Set up military alliance, OIC urged

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KOTA BARU: Umno Youth deputy head Khairy Jamaluddin has called on the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to set up a military alliance similar to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato).

The alliance would act as a deterrent to those who want to kill Muslims in various parts of the world, he said.

He said he was of the opinion

that the OIC had its limitations as none of its members has veto powers in the United Nations Security Council.

However, in sheer numbers combined with the Non-Aligned Movement nations, there can be ways to accelerate the reform process of the UN system, Khairy said when opening the Pengkalan Chepa Umno Youth division delegates conference here.

He said one of Islam Hadhari's points of contention was that Muslims must be strong mili-

tarily besides striving for knowledge.

Khairy hoped that all Umno Youth divisions holding their annual conferences would discuss the Middle East conflict.

The Pengkalan Chepa division passed three resolutions which called for a halt to Israeli aggression, a freeze on all debate or talk about religion under Article 11 of the Federal Constitution and a declaration of undivided loyalty to party president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.