

Khairy: I've explained enough on allegations

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REMBAU: Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin says he has explained enough on allegations levelled at him and will now focus on the movement's struggle.

He said he had spoken at five Umno division meetings and "I think that's enough and I want to focus on more important matters."

"I don't know where the slanders came from.

"I just explain. I've responded to several issues raised by certain leaders which party members are talking about. So, I have to explain."

He was speaking to reporters after the opening of the Rembau Umno Youth Wanita and Puteri delegates' conferences by Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan.

Khairy, who is Rembau Umno Youth head, said as long as he was Umno Youth deputy chief,

he would continue to listen to views from the grassroots.

"What's important is Umno Youth members. If they accept my explanation, it's good enough for me. Not that I want to satisfy those who accused me," he said.

Since Friday, Khairy has been talking to several Umno Youth divisions during which he denied marrying popular Malay actress Maya Karin.

He also replied to allegations that he interfered in government administration, became a millionaire overnight and could afford to buy ECM-Libra-Berhad shares.

He also said he was prepared to relinquish his post as Umno Youth deputy chief if he was considered a liability to the movement.

At the Klang Umno Youth meeting, Khairy likened the people who spread slanders



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against him as "monkeys."

"After I made the explanation in Kelantan, some people are still not satisfied.

"They say if there is no wind, how can a tree sway. It is difficult to answer but sometimes,

we can see tree branches moving without wind. Does it happen or is there a monkey shaking them?"

In Batu Pahat, Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said Khairy had been waiting for the right opportunity to respond to the personal allegations made against him by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"When Tun first blasted Umno, Khairy called me. I advised him to stay cool and wait for a good opportunity to reply," he said after opening the Parit Sulong Umno Youth delegates' conference.

Nazri said while it was not appropriate for Khairy to call for a press conference to respond to the allegation, Khairy had to answer as soon as he could through the right forum.

"He had to respond as an alle-

gation coming from Tun is something that is considered serious by the public. I think Khairy has answered well," he said.

In Tapah, Umno supreme council member Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik said Khairy should only respond if there was evidence.

Rahim, who described himself as having to handle a "tsunami of accusations" when he was Umno Youth chief, said:

"There is no need for Khairy to respond if the allegations were without evidence and was considered hearsay."

In Muar, Umno Youth executive council member Reezal Merican Naina Merican challenged those who spread the allegations to prove them.

"The wing has confidence in Khairy's leadership and he has been very brave in answering all the allegations."