

Pak Lah: Up to wing to decide on Mukhriz

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DATUK Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said it was now up to the Youth movement to decide on the position of Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir. (Mukhriz is an exco member of the movement)

"He has said something that I feel is not right at all," Abdullah told reporters after he wound up the debates at the close of the five-day assembly.

Abdullah said this when asked if he had been offended by Mukhriz's remarks that there was nothing new in his policy speech.

The Umno president said the matter should be left to the Youth movement because the remark obviously contravened their regulations.

He said Umno Youth had informed him of Mukhriz's remarks, which they regarded as going against the spirit of resolutions they had passed during the tabling of their debates.

Asked whether Mukhriz should resign from his post, Abdullah said: "It's a matter for him to decide. Why are you asking me to decide for him? I don't decide for him."

Mukhriz, who has emerged as the major name on delegates' lips, declined to answer questions from journalists on his

way to the hall here yesterday.

He said it was not the time to respond to claims that he broke ranks in criticising the party president's policy speech.

"I feel there is no need to comment," Mukhriz added.

Asked if he would comment at a later date, Mukhriz remained mum.

Queried on whether he felt he had been misquoted by the media, Mukhriz just said: "I think I will not comment."

He then walked into the hall,

saying his only duty for now, was to enter and listen to the debates and winding up speeches which had brought forth some pertinent issues.