

Prominent lawyer Surendran now PKR VP
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The PKR's new leadership line-up announced today is a mixed bag of new and old faces.

But contrary to initial speculation, the list does not appear to be heavily inclined towards deputy president Azmin Ali's team.

NONEThe biggest surprise, however, is the appointment of human rights lawyer N Surendran, 44, (right) to the vice-president's post. He did not offer himself as a candidate in the recent party polls.

Former health minister and MCA leader Chua Jui Meng was also appointed vice-president, while the Sabah and Sarawak quota went to Sarawak chief Baru Bian.

The trio joined four elected vice-presidents - Nurul Izzah Anwar, Tian Chua, Fuziah Salleh and Dr Mansor Othman - in the party's leadership council.

Defeated candidates also saw themselves appointed to leadership positions with Youth chief candidate Badrul Hisham Shaharin (more popularly known as Chegubard) given the deputy secretary-general mantle.

Defeated deputy presidency candidate Mustaffa Kamil Ayub is now a member of the powerful political bureau while heading the training bureau.

Reshuffle among party heavyweights

pkp announce new line up 181210 1While most of the appointments saw young faces and Anwar-loyalists such as Rafizi Ramli taking the strategic director's post and Pantai Jerejak assemblyperson Sim Tze Tsin becoming the deputy information director, there was also a reshuffle among the party heavyweights.

Lawyer Latheefa Koya now heads the newly-set up legal bureau while Dr Mohd Nor Manuty will be replacing her as information chief.

Azmin Ali will also be the new elections director, in place of vice-president Fuziah Salleh.

pkp announce new line up 181210 wan azizahWhen announcing the line-up at a press conference in PKR headquarters in Petaling Jaya this afternoon, party president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (left) said that those appointed have been notified and all have accepted.

"So this issue of rejecting any position does not arise at all since everyone has accepted their posts," she said.

Badrul Hisham had earlier said that he would not accept any positions even if offered, in protest over the way the party polls were conducted.

Below are the full list of appointments

Secretary-general
Saifuddin Nasution Ismail

Vice-presidents
Chua Jui Meng
Baru Bian
N Surendran

Treasurer-general
William Leong

Information director
Dr Mohd Nor Manuty

Communications director
Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad

Strategic director
Rafizi Ramli

Legal bureau director
Latheefa Koya

Disciplinary board chairperson
Dr Tan Kee Kwong

Political bureau members
Syed Husin Ali
Khalid Ibrahim
R Sivarasa
Dr Xavier Jayakumar
Tan Yee Kew
Mustaffa Kamil Ayub (also Training bureau director)

Deputy secretary-general
Badrul Hisham Shaharin
T Kumar
Steven Choong
Ignatius Darell Leiking

Deputy information director
Sim Tze Tzin
Animah Ferrar
Ir Muthiah

The state positions will be announced in a week after consultation with the division leaders.

