

**PKR duo routed in MTUC polls**  
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Mohd Khalid Atan has been elected the new Malaysian Trade Union Congress president, defeating the incumbent Syed Shahir Syed Mohamud.

Khalid (centre), who was Syed Shahir former deputy, polled 255 votes beating Syed Shahir's 213 votes.

Meanwhile, Khalid's running mate Abdul Halim Mansur clinched the secretary-general's post, beating Syed Shahir's running mate Abdullah Sani Abdul Hamid and wildcard J Solomon.

Abdul Halim polled 188, while Abdullah Sani and Solomon polled 165 and 117 votes respectively. A total of 479 ballots were cast during the elections today.

Both Syed Shahir and Abdullah Sani are members of PKR. Syed Shahir is the PKR supreme council member while Abdullah Sani is the Kuala Langat MP.

Syed Shahir is a two-term president that has been criticised by rivals of bringing opposition influence into MTUC, resulting in it being shunned by the federal government.

Khalid Atan and Abdul Halim are backed by G Rajasekaran, the former MTUC secretary-general and veteran unionist.

**Victors thank 'mentor'**

In his acceptance speech later, Khalid urged members to cease all ill-will and ill-feelings against individuals in the union, as this can hurt the organisation.

He and Abdul Halim also thanked Rajasekaran openly, referring to him as their mentor and that they will follow his way in running the organisation.

Abdul Halim during his own acceptance speech acknowledged that there was factionalism in MTUC but said that the current line up is the member's choice on how things should be run.

"This line-up is truly from the workers and for the workers," he said.

Met after results were announced, Syed Shahir said he was not upset over his loss.

"No, no, no... I am not upset over the results, I am still here talking to you is proof enough," he said.

Instead he assured his supporters and the public that he will continue to contribute towards the MTUC.

"This is in my blood. I have been doing this for the last 40 years."

Syed Shahir however refused to say if he will run again in the next elections.

"I cannot answer that now, I have to consider it first, maybe sleep on it," he said.

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