

**Learn from Turkish experience, PKR Youth told  
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Turkey's Justice and Development Party (AKP) owed its victory in the country's general elections last week to the leadership of its youth in the election campaign, said PKR secretary general Saifuddin Nasution.

Likewise, he called on PKR Youth (AMK) to shoulder the responsibility of helping Pakatan Rakyat topple the BN government in the upcoming general election.

"The secret to success is good party organisation.

"AKP's campaign looks no different from what we are having tonight, with speeches and performances," said Saifuddin (left) at a AMK event targetting the youth in Shah Alam yesterday.

"We, too, have the same characteristics (as AKP)," he said, to roars of approval from the youth audience of roughly 500.

Saifuddin added that other contributing factors to AKP's success included the charisma of their Prime Minister Raccip Tayyeb , and an independent and fair Election Commission (EC).

He was relating the experience of a team of PKR leaders who visited Turkey as AKP's guests to learn from their experience in the run up to the Turkish election on Jun 12.

Accompanying Saifuddin on the trip were PKR veep Nurul Izzah Anwar and exco member Johari Abdul.

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The party sec-gen told the youth that they needed to master three skills in particular: communications, organisational, and group leadership.

Continuing on the importance of the youth in the Turkish experience, he told his audience that AKP's campaign's strategic department was headed by a 33-year-old youth leader.

"For each party campaign machinery, seven of the ten members were youth. They also headed the media strategy department," said Saifuddin.

He added that the AKP youth wing was tasked to campaign for the party's candidates.

In the Turkish election, AKP won 326 parliamentary seats out of 550, or 49.95 percent of the votes.

The Republican People's Party (CHP) took 135 seats or 25.94 percent, Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) received 53 seats (12.98 percent) and the Peace and Democracy Party (BDP) won 36 seats (6.58 percent).

Saifuddin said of the 550 parliamentary seats AKP contested, they fielded 84 women. The party also won 47 of the 85 seats in the capital city Istanbul.