

**PSM: We'll fare better with own logo**  
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Parti Sosialis Malaysia (PSM) will not be borrowing PKR's or DAP's logo during the coming general election.

Party secretary-general S Arutchelvan said PSM believes that unlike in the previous polls, the party believes that it stands a better chance of winning with its own logo.

psm logo approved by election commission 290409 01However, PSM will adopt Pakatan Rakyat's logo, should the coalition decide to use one during the next general election.

Arutchelvan (left) said that PSM had been working the ground over the past few years with its own logo and it should be recognisable enough.

"Even in the 2008 general election, we did not hide behind PKR's logo, we campaigned with PSM's logo side-by-side," he said during a press conference today.

In the past, PSM candidates had stood under a DAP ticket before 2008, which saw them standing under a PKR ticket and scoring their first victory in Parliament and in the Selangor state legislative assembly.

In 2008, PSM was not allowed to have its own logo on the ballot slip because it was yet to be registered.

Six months after the March 2008 elections, PSM was finally registered as a political party by the Registrar of Societies (ROS) after a 10-year struggle.

Although PSM is allied with Pakatan, it has chosen not to be an official component of the coalition.

Declaring assets

Four of PSM's leaders have publicly declared their assets.

They are Sungai Siput MP Dr D Jeyakumar, Semenyih state assemblyperson Dr Mohd Nasir Hashim, party secretary-general S Arutchelvan and party national treasurer A Sivarajan.

PSM has consistently declared their assets in the past, following the nominations of their candidates for a general election.

PSM plans to contest in one parliamentary seat and three state seats in the coming general election.

These are the Sungai Siput parliamentary seat and the state seats of Jelapang, Semenyih and Kota Damansara.

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