

Many newbies, four dropped from Penang PKR candidates

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PKR has announced its candidates in Penang in front of tens of thousands of people who attended a Pakatan rally at the esplanade today.

tate PKR chief Mansor Othman (left) made the announcement.

For Parliamentary seats, only Anwar Ibrahim is defending his seat, while three others are contested by newcomers.

In the state line-up, only four incumbents are defending their seats. Two fielded in 2004 are joining the race while 11 others are new faces.

The line-up includes three representatives from PKR Youth and two women.

The party has dropped four incumbents - Yusmadi Yusoff (Balik Pulau), Jason Ong Khan Lee (Kebun bunga), S Raveentharan (Batu Uban) and Tan Hock Leong (Machang Bubuk).

Last night, Tan announced he would be contesting the seat, accusing PKR of "cronyism" in the selection of candidates.

On the Sungai Acheh seat, which saw a tussle between PAS and PKR, candidate Badrul Hisham Shaharin or Chegubard said PAS will not be fielding a candidate.

Yusmadi also declared today that he will not be contesting as an Independent.

Parliament:

Permatang Pauh - Anwar Ibrahim

Bayan Baru - Sim Tze Tzin

Balik Pulau - Muhammad Bakhtiar

Nibong Tebal - Mansor Othman

State:

Bertam - Syed Mikael Rizal Aidid

Teluk Ayer Tawar- Noorhayati Jaafar

Seberang Jaya- Afif Bahardin

Batu Maung - Abdul Malik Kassim
Penanti - Norlela Yusuf
Pantai Jerejak - Mohd Rashid Bin Hasnon
Kebun Bunga - Cheah Kah Peng
Batu Uban - T Jayabalan
Teluk Bahang - Abdul Halim Hussein
Machang Bubuk - Lee Khai Loon
Bukit Tengah - Ong Chin Wen
Bukit Tambun - Law Choo Kiang
Sungai Bakap - Maktar Bin Hj Shapee
Pulau Betong- Mohd Tuah Ismail.
Pinang Tunggal - Ahmad Zaki Yuddin Bin Abd Rahman

Malaysiakini had published the list yesterday.

'I thought it was a mega concert'

Meanwhile, Padang Kota was a sea of faces, with tens of thousands who turned up at the venue to join Pakatan's last rally before nomination day tomorrow.

Caretaker Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng jested that he thought he stumbled onto a concert when he came to the venue and saw the "amazing crowd".

"I thought it was a mega concert and tried to figure out who are the invited singers," he said.

"Then I found out that this is not a mega concert, what we have here is the people's voices."

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