

**PKR never mulled MP swear-in boycott, says Azmin**  
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PKR has denied it had ever considered boycotting the swearing-in ceremony when the new session of Parliament begins this month, reported to be as a sign of protest over electoral fraud.

"There has been speculation in the media that PKR may boycott the swearing-in ceremony of MPs at the Dewan Rakyat on June 24, 2013.

"I wish to state categorically that at no point of time did PKR decide to carry out any boycott of the oath taking process," said PKR deputy president in a statement late last night.

He said Pakatan had only decided to boycott the parliamentary briefing of June 11.

"That boycott was carried out as a principled protest against the massive fraud and cheating perpetrated by the BN in the recent 13th general elections," he said.

He added that all PKR parliamentarians will be at the oath taking ceremony and will "vigorously execute their duties as the rakyat's elected representatives".

The decision came after the party's political bureau's meeting last night.

The suggestion for Pakatan Rakyat MPs to boycott the swearing-in ceremony was mooted by NGO coalition Suara Rakyat 505 that was protesting electoral fraud, believing that the move would reinforce the protest.

DAP and PAS, however, had rejected the idea from the outset.