

Multiracial 'Team Nik Nazmi' for PKR Youth polls
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Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad has indicated he will contest the PKR Youth chief post along with a multiracial team at the upcoming party polls.

The Selangor deputy speaker today unveiled his lineup of Teja rep Chang Lih Kang for deputy chief, and Nor Hizwan Ahmad, R Sri Sanjeevan and Carol P Malawai as the vice-chief candidates.

Their campaign slogan is 'Brave, Dynamic, Caring'.

The party polls process begins next month with nominations proper.

Calling his team #AMK4Malaysia, Nik Nazmi vowed to bring about politics grounded in "values, sharp minds and discipline".

AMK or Angkatan Muda Keadilan is the Malay name of PKR Youth.

"We want to gather and celebrate diversity of talents, be it from ordinary workers and professionals, undergraduates and activists or religious scholars and artists.

"I am confident 'AMK for Malaysia' represents the best team and most tried and tested to bring AMK and the party to the next level," he said.

Among the notable face is Hizwan, 31 who is vying for vice-chief and is the is former candidate for the Muar parliamentary constituency during the last general election.

He garnered 19,221 votes, narrowly losing out to deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department Razali Ibrahim who garnered 20,864.

Another prominent figure is Crime Watch Task Force (MyWatch) chairperson Sanjeevan who survived an assassination attempt believed to be related to his expose of criminal activities allegedly involving cops.

He was in a coma for 35 days after receiving a gunshot wound in the chest last year.

Other candidates include Semambu state assemblyperson Lee Chean Chung and Bakar Arang state assemblyperson Simon Ooi Tze Min, each gunning for an exco position in competition with 12 others from the team.

The 12 are lawyer Murnie Hidayah Anuar, Mohd Faizal Mohd Yusak, Tamil Selvan, Mohd Azlan Helmi, Abdul Raafidin Majidi, Mohd Naquib Carmeil Rosli, Noor Amin Ahmad, Mohd Firdaus Sobri, Chua Wei Kiat, Sandra Ng, M Shamugam and Ali Khairuddin.

Some notable figures present during the announcement were Pandan MP Rafizi Ramli, Bayan Baru MP Sim Tze Tzin and Simpang Pulai state assemblyperson Tan Kar Hing.

Three-cornered fight

Nik Nazmi is the third candidate to announce his intention to go for the PKR Youth chief post.

In January, Batu Caves state assemblyperson Amirudin Shari became the first to throw his hat into the ring for the PKR Youth's top spot with Seberang Jaya state assemblyperson Dr Afif Bahardin as his running mate.

The duo are seen as aligned to PKR deputy president Azmin Ali.

Earlier this month, incumbent PKR Youth vice-chief Mohd Nazree Mohd Yunus also declared himself a candidate for the number one post with Sabah PKR youth leader Mohd Serman Hassnar as running mate, and Ginie Lim, Sangetha Jeyakumar and Saifullah Zulkifli as vice-chief hopefuls.

Nazree is the only PKR Youth chief candidate of the three from the current leadership of the wing.

Outgoing PKR Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin, 40, has exceeded the 35 years age limit for the wing, so has no choice but to bow out.

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