

Zaid closing in on Azmin in No 2 nominations
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Zaid Ibrahim's contest for PKR deputy president has gone up several notches after Penang's Batu Kawan and Tasek Gelugor, Pahang's Maran, Paya Besar and Temerloh and Negeri Sembilan's Rembau along with Malacca's Tangga Batu and Sabah's Putatan cast their nominations for the former minister in their respective meetings today.

With these additional nominations, Zaid, who is also Federal Territory PKR chief, has gathered support from a total of nine divisions yesterday.

The latest tally this evening brings the total nominations today for Zaid to 19, as compared to Azmin's eight for the day so far.

Azmin still blazes ahead, however, with a total 36 nominations.

Batu Kawan, Tasek Gelugor and Putatan had also nominated for incumbent PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to defend her post.

For the four posts of vice-president, Batu Kawan division nominated today Kuantan MP Fuziah Salleh, Penang deputy chief minister Dr Mansor Othman, and incumbents Lee Boon Chye and Sivarasa Rasiah.

While Tasek Gelugor also nominated Mansor, Padang Serai parliamentarian N Gobalakrishnan, party secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution and current vice-president Azmin.

Permatang Pauh picks Azmin

Putatan, meanwhile, nominated Lembah Pantai parliamentarian Nurul Izzah Anwar, former Sabah PKR chief Jeffrey Kitingan, Gobalakrishnan and party complaints bureau head S Manikavasagam.

The respective divisions are among 36 PKR divisions meeting today to nominate its division and party leaders.

Also in Penang, the Permatang Pauh division nominated Azizah for president and Azmin Ali for the deputy-president seat.

This in addition to their nomination for Mansor and incumbent PKR Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin for the party's four vice-presidential post.

In Malacca, Selangor MB Khalid Ibrahim got his first nomination for the deputy presidency from Masjid Tanah. The division nominated Perak PKR chief Mustafa Kamil Ayub, Mansor, Fuziah and PKR youth permanent chair Yahya Shahri for vice-president.

Alor Gajah PKR clinched the deal for Tian Chua to contest for the deputy president post with his second nomination to date, in addition to naming Shamsul, Fuziah, Mustaffa and Khalid for vice-president.

Both Malacca divisions also nominated Wan Azizah as president. The state's Bukit Katil PKR

division became the second after Permatang Pauh to nominate Azmin for deputy president.

Three Pahang divisions, Maran, Paya Besar and Temerloh nominated to maintain Wan Azizah as president and proposed Zaid as deputy president.

Maran nominated Fuziah, Nurul Izzah, Mustaffa and Johor PKR chief CHua Jui Meng for vice-president, Paya Besar named Fuziah, Azmin, Mansur and Gobalakrishnan, while Termerloh proposed Fuziah, Mustaffa, Azmin and Tian Chua.

The other divisions meeting today include those in Sabah (with a total of 10 divisions), Perak (a total of 8), Pahang (a total of 7), Penang (a total of 5), Malacca (4) and Negri Sembilan (2).

Azmin ahead in nominations

At the conclusion of 46 division meetings yesterday, current vice-president Mohd Azmin Ali was leading with 28 nominations for the deputy-president contest.

Also vying for the No 2 post is Mustafa - who had six nominations - while party strategic director Tian Chua has garnered two nominations.

Fuziah, who is also PKR elections strategist, has one nomination.

PKR divisions have been meeting since Friday this week. All of the 200-plus party divisions are scheduled to complete their nominations on Oct 3.

As at 8.30pm, 68 divisions have met to nominate the party's divisional and national leaders.

Direct voting for the top PKR leadership posts will take place from Oct 31 to Nov 21.
Nominations tally*

President

Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail - 36 (18 today)
Anwar Ibrahim - 5 (4)

Deputy president

Azmin Ali - 21 (8)
Zaid Ibrahim - 14 (9)
Mustaffa Kamil Ayub - 9 (3)
Tian Chua - 2 (1)
Khalid Ibrahim - 1 (1)
Fuziah Salleh - 1 (1)

Vice-president (four posts)

Fuziah Salleh - 21 (14)
Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin - 17 (9)
Lee Boon Chye - 13 (7)
Mansor Othman - 13 (7)
Mustaffa Kamil Ayub - 12 (6)
Azmin Ali - 10 (4)

R Sivarasa - 10 (3)
N Gobalakrishnan - 8 (7)
Nurul Izzah Anwar - 6 (2)
Tian Chua - 6 (5)
Khalid Ibrahim - 5 (3)
Chua Jui Meng - 5 (3)
Dr Jeffrey Kitingan - 4 (1)
S Manickavasagam - 4 (3)
Xavier Jayakumar - 3 (3)
Badrul Amin Baharum - 2 (2)
Suresh Ramachandran - 2 (2)
Yahya Sahri - 2 (1)
Zaid Ibrahim - 2 (0)
Ansari Abdullah - 2 (0)
Saifuddin Nasution - 1 (1)
Muhammad Nur Manuty - 1 (1)
Kamarul Baharin Abbas - 1 (1)
Abdullah Sani - 1 (0)
Zambri Yusof - 1 (0)

* Figures only represent the results from a selection of the 68 divisions that Malaysiakini has managed to contact as of press time. Each candidate needs two nominations to qualify for contest.

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