

Losing faction cries foul in Kelana Jaya PKR polls
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The losing faction in PKR's Kelana Jaya divisional polls on Sunday are submitting a memorandum of protest to the party headquarters tomorrow over what they claim were numerous irregularities perpetrated by division chief Syed Shahir Syed Mohamud and his camp.



Abdul Razak Mohamed Jalil and Vigneswaran T Subramanian who contested the division chief and deputy posts, (seated from left, with Kelana Jaya MP Loh Gwo-Burne), claim that they have evidence that Syed Shahir and his faction had abused their position as incumbents to push the election heavily in their favour.

Among the more serious allegations include the admission of division members into the meeting whose IC numbers did not match the records on the divisional rolls, and cases of polling officers looking through ballot papers before depositing them into the ballot boxes on behalf of the voters.

A total of six police reports were also filed by division members at the Subang Jaya police station today in connection with the alleged irregularities.

"We will submit our memorandum to the central elections committee, and ask for fresh divisional elections within seven days of serving the memorandum. If not, we will take further action according to party regulations," Abdul Razak said at a press conference today.

Loh, who attended the press conference in support of Abdul Razak's faction, said he was "amazed and fascinated" by the apparent trend of complaints that have affected divisions nationwide over the past several weeks of divisional polls.

"The complaints are generally similar and it appears a certain group seem to be benefiting from all this.

"These complaints are not new; they have happened from the very first *cabang* (division) meeting and the party has been amazingly quiet about it.

"If this were to happen during the general elections, all hell would break loose... I don't know how the party can advise the EC (Election Commission) when the party itself is faced with such a situation," he said.