

Mustaffa, too, calls for halt to PKR polls
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PKR deputy president hopeful Mustaffa Kamil Ayub today called for a suspension of party polls following allegations of discrepancies in the polling process.

According to Mustaffa Kamil (right), who is currently running third in the race behind contenders Azmin Ali and Zaid Ibrahim, there have been several incidents where polling agents had acted "unprofessionally and in a biased manner".

"This includes the inconsistent tallies of the votes, especially for the positions of deputy president and vice-president," he said in a statement to express his disappointment today.

Last week, agents acting on Zaid's behalf also called for a halt, claiming that polling in several divisions had begun late and affected the results.

There was also a mix-up in the results for the first 68 divisions which went to the polls to select the party's central leadership last weekend.

The party had initially posted official results on its website, showing that Zaid was leading, but later revised them to put Azmin ahead, blaming human error in computation.

Mustaffa Kamil added that similar complaints were made to the party's election committee during the nominations and division polls earlier, but the faults have not been rectified.

"It is clear that even though objections were made, no action has been taken and the decisions made by the committee went against prevailing regulations.

"We do not want party members to be cheated or betrayed for the interests of certain parties," he said.

He added that a memorandum will be handed over to party president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and election committee chairperson Dr Molly Cheah, detailing suggestions for improvement.

Polls for 20 divisions in Sabah will take place this weekend, along with Pasir Mas, which had to be postponed previously due to venue issues.

The central leadership polls will proceed until Nov 21.