

Week 2: Azmin widens lead in deputy president race
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Azmin Ali has widen his lead in the race for PKR deputy president's post as the party polls move into the second week with balloting being carried out in 11 divisions today.

Based on the latest count which Malaysiakini has obtained, Azmin has increased his tally to 5,078, followed by two other contenders - Zaid Ibrahim (3,411) and Mustaffa Kamil Ayub (1,193).

This unofficial result, which is based on 78 divisions which have voted - 68 previously and 10 today - indicated that Azmin has widen his lead to 1,667 votes from 522 votes last week.

Among the 12 divisions which went to the polls today, 11 are in Sabah while one was in Kelantan (Pasir Mas), where balloting was put off last week due to problems involving the venue.

However, two Sabah divisions - Silam dan Penampang - have decided to postpone its vote today to Nov 20.

The following are the unofficial tally from 10 divisions:

Pasir Mas

Azmin (35), Zaid (53), Mustaffa (0)

Kota Belud

Azmin (16), Zaid (133), Mustaffa (1)

Papar

Azmin (124), Zaid (28), Mustaffa (2)

Ranau

Azmin (153), Zaid (107), Mustaffa (10)

Kudat

Azmin (67), Zaid (138), Mustaffa (2)

Sandakan

Azmin (417), Zaid (25), Mustaffa (13)

Keningau

Azmin (26), Zaid (169), Mustaffa (3)

Kota Kinabalu

Azmin (34), Zaid (162), Mustaffa (0)

Beaufort

Azmin (223), Zaid (58), Mustaffa (9)

Libaran

Azmin (881), Zaid (6), Mus (8)

Last weekend, Azmin bagged 3,051 votes - the first of four weekends in which balloting is being carried out in all PKR's 200-odd divisions.

Azmin's main rival Zaid was not far behind with 2,529 votes, while Mustaffa ended up last with 1,149 votes.

Nine PKR divisions will vote tomorrow and while the rest will do so in the next two weekends.

Party secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution is expected to announce the official results for this weekend's balloting on Monday.

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