

**PKR supremo: Zaid free to leave
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PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim has finally openly condemned Zaid Ibrahim for kicking up a ruckus in the party that had given him ample opportunities and privileges.

NONESpeaking to reporters at his residence in Cherok To' Kun, Penang, Anwar (right) said that Zaid was free to resign from PKR and form his own party, that Zaid had called a 'Keadilan Baru'.

In an attempt to show that PKR had been very accommodating to Zaid, Anwar then listed down a series of examples of how the former had been given special treatment.

Anwar said that it was Zaid who asked to be accepted into the party when Umno gave him the boot in 2008. He claimed that Zaid then sought a leadership role within the party.

"He also asked to be candidate for Hulu Selangor (parliamentary by-election) although it was rejected by the (local) division and they raised their objections to the president.

"But we (still) gave him a chance and when he lost in Hulu Selangor, we gave him a chance to lead the Federal Territories PKR," he added.

Aside from some hints on his Twitter page and vague comments from the press, Anwar had largely stayed away from issues raised by Zaid.

Zaid had claimed that there were serious irregularities in the ongoing PKR polls for its national leadership and blamed Anwar, along with his 'sidekick' Azmin Ali, for the whole affair.

NONEThe party leadership, however, have claimed that Zaid (left) had yet to provide evidence of these allegations, and despite this, the central elections committee had already implemented six out of seven of his suggestions to improve the process.

Anwar said the media controlled by Umno had only been highlighting the negative aspects of the party's direct election, not its positive side.

He added that the election committee had taken heed of the various protests as there were many divisions whose polls were either postponed, withheld or had their annual general meetings reconvened, despite the results favouring certain parties.

"Why were these not highlighted? All these were decisions made by the Election Committee, it does not even come to my level," he said.

"It looks like in divisions where he loses, protests are made, but when he wins, no protest; this is different from us protesting against the Election Commission whether we win or lose," he added.

'Zaid never Pakatan coordinator'

NONEMeanwhile, Anwar also cynically said that he expects Zaid to encounter no hassle in his attempt to register his new party, adding that Umno would certainly give their blessings.

"We will not be able to get it (a quick approval) but those Umno like, can get it. Just as how Perkasa got theirs," said Anwar.

On whether Zaid would still remain as the Pakatan Rakyat coordinator, Anwar said that the former was never appointed to such a position in the first place.

He said former deputy president Syed Husin Ali had checked all the minutes of previous Pakatan meetings and found no mention of Zaid as the coordinator.

"There is no record nor a decision regarding the matter; I usually chaired all the Pakatan meetings and to my knowledge, he was never appointed the coordinator," said Anwar.

"He used a few of his friends in the media, even in the so-called alternative media, to promote himself," he added.

NONE" How can there be a coordinator. What we have is a secretariat and it is represented by leaders from Pakatan, even I am not the chief; then we have the committees, how many times have we mentioned this?

According to the PKR website (left), Zaid is the party's Pakatan secretariat chief. Similar positions have been created for Pakatan allies DAP and PAS.

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