

Anwar backs Wan Azizah to defend PKR presidency
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PETALING JAYA - Anwar Ibrahim has backed his wife Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to defend her position as PKR president in the upcoming party election.

"She has been doing her duties so well. Why must I bother her?" Anwar said when asked by reporters Thursday if he would contest for the presidency, The Star reported.

He was speaking at a press conference at the party headquarters here to announce Pakatan Rakyat's economic target.

"Anyway, nobody has nominated me. If there is, I am sure Wan Azizah will get more nominations."

Some 400,000 PKR members will pick their national leaders through an eight-day staggered election in October and November.

Ballots would be cast between Oct 29 and Nov 21 to decide on the president, deputy president, four vice-presidents and 20 central committee members for the 2010-2013 term.

There will also be elections for 25 posts each in the Wanita and Youth wings and the leadership at the branch levels from Sept 17 to Oct 3.

The official results of the party polls will be announced at its national assembly scheduled for Nov 27 and Nov 28.

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