

Boost for Zaid in PKR race for No. 2
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PETALING JAYA – The contest for the PKR No. 2 spot just became closer with Zaid Ibrahim's bid getting a boost with a total of 19 divisions backing him in the party election.

The latest came from Penang's Batu Kawan and Tasek Gelugor, Pahang's Maran, Paya Besar and Temerloh and Negeri Sembilan's Rembau along with Malacca's Tangga Batu and Sabah's Putatan.

They cast their nominations for the Federal Territory PKR chief at their respective meetings.

Front-runner Azmin Ali, the present vice-president, has garnered 36 nominations so far.

Batu Kawan, Tasek Gelugor and Putatan had also nominated incumbent PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to defend her post.

For the four posts of vice-president, Batu Kawan division nominated Kuantan MP Fuziah Salleh, Penang deputy chief minister Dr Mansor Othman, and incumbents Lee Boon Chye and Sivarasa Rasiah.

Tasek Gelugor also nominated Mansor, Padang Serai parliamentarian N Gobalakrishnan, party secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution and Azmin.

Putatan, meanwhile, nominated Lembah Pantai parliamentarian Nurul Izzah Anwar, former Sabah PKR chief Jeffrey Kitingan, Gobalakrishnan and party complaints bureau head S Manikavasagam.

The respective divisions are among 36 PKR divisions meeting today to nominate its division and party leaders.

Significantly, the Permatang Pauh division nominated Wan Azizah for president and Azmin Ali for the deputy president seat.

In Malacca, Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim got his first nomination for the deputy presidency from Masjid Tanah. The division nominated Perak PKR chief Mustafa Kamil Ayub, Mansor, Fuziah and PKR youth permanent chair Yahya Shahri for vice-president.

Alor Gajah PKR nominated Tian Chua to contest for the deputy president's post with his second nomination to date, in addition to naming Shamsul, Fuziah, Mustaffa and Khalid for vice-president.

Both Malacca divisions also nominated Wan Azizah as president. The state's Bukit Katil PKR division became the second after Permatang Pauh to nominate Azmin for deputy president.

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