

PKR election 'must be free of money politics'
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KUALA LUMPUR - Transparency International (TI) Malaysia has urged Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) to ensure that its upcoming election must be free of money politics.

The Berlin-based anti-corruption agency issued a statement Monday warning that the process and outcome of the coming party election will indicate whether PKR can be trusted by the people to form a credible government.

According to Paul Low, president of TI, it was unfortunate that many of the internal political party elections were tainted by money politics.

"Money politics is political corruption and it is the mother of all corruption, undermining the democratic process of election and the credibility of the candidates, said Low.

"The interest is not only in who is standing for what position but also on how the election is being conducted," Low added.

The candidates must be able to "walk the talk" and refrain from money politicking to show that PKR stands for clean, accountable and transparent governance.

TI believed that the people will be watching closely for a free and fair election process which allows candidates to be elected based on their integrity, competency and commitment without the influence of money.

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