

Nurul Izzah decides to run for PKR vice presidency
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KUALA LUMPUR - Nurul Izzah Anwar has decided. The Lembah Pantai MP will contest the Parti Keadilan Rakyat vice-presidency in the upcoming party elections.

The 30-year-old eldest daughter of PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim and PKR President Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, had initially said that she was not vying for any post.

But she changed her mind after receiving eight nominations, saying that she wanted to respect the party members' wishes.

Announcing her candidacy Thursday, she said: "I am honoured and humbled to accept the nominations from the various divisions and wish to thank them for this trust."

Nurul said she have had the privilege of witnessing and participating in the reformasi movement 12 years ago and see how it evolved into Keadilan today.

"At this moment, I believe that our party's election this year will be a real defining change as we will be able to forge a true people's movement that shares a common destiny - for a Better Malaysia.

"I am reminded that this is a contest among brothers and sisters in one Keadilan family," she told reporters.

A minimum two nominations are required for any member to contest in the party's top positions.

So far, 20 people have either expressed their intention or received nominations to contest the four elected vice-presidency slots, including Johor party chief Chua Jui Meng, Padang Serai MP N.Gobalakrishnan, Kapar MP S. Manikavasagam and Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar, according to Bernama.

PKR divisions had been meeting since last week and its 218 divisions are scheduled to complete their nominations by Oct 3.

Direct elections for the top PKR leadership positions will take place from Oct 31 to Nov 21 while the party's national congress will be held from Nov 26 to 28.

In the last General Election in March 2008, Nurul Izzah created an upset by defeating Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Jalil for the Lembah Pantai parliamentary seat.

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