

**Khalid goes for PKR No. 2 <http://www.google.com/buzz/post>
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SHAH ALAM - Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has decided to go for the No. 2 post in the Parti Keadilan Rakyat elections next month.

Khalid made the announcement Sunday night that he is in the running for the deputy presidency.

Speaking to reporters at his residence here, he said he was doing this to re-unite party members.

He claimed that this was necessary as there was too much factionalism in the party.

The Kuala Selangor PKR chief, however, said that he would withdraw from the contest if it had a negative impact on the party.

To date, also in the fray for the No. 2 post are PKR vice presidents Mustafa Kamil Ayub, Mohamed Azmin Ali and Federal Territory PKR chief Zaid Ibrahim.

The deputy presidency was left vacant following the decision by incumbent Syed Husin Ali not to defend the post.

PKR stalwart Tian Chua is due to decide within the next few days whether to make it a five-cornered fight.

Presently, Azmin has a comfortable lead. If he loses, it will be a major upset that none of the seasoned PKR watchers really believe will happen, according to one PKR observer.

So far, Khalid has received sufficient nominations to join the contest for the deputy presidency.

Khalid had earlier said that "as one of the party leaders and the Menteri Besar of a Pakatan Rakyat Government, I see the need to make a decision that is brave, bold and wise, to ensure party unity is intact."

The popular chief minister had been reluctant to go for the No. 2 post earlier on fears that rival factions might further blow up.

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