

**PKR polls: Jeffrey Kitingan 'not interested'**

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KOTA KINABALU - Former vice president of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), Jeffrey G Kitingan, confirmed he has decided to stay out from the race for any national party post saying that the debilitating struggle for such positions was unnecessary.

Kitingan, who resigned last year as vice president, said he won't be accepting the nominations and that his struggle had never been about party posts or positions.

"It had always been and would continue to be about Sabah and Sarawak rights and autonomy. This is a struggle that cuts across the political divide in Sabah and Sarawak and it can do without any distractions," he said in a statement on Sunday.

He lamented: "The debilitating struggle, constant, for party posts and positions every three years and in-between, for no rhyme or reason, was an unnecessary pre-occupation which is draining resources, taxing energies and was a major distraction from the real issues, principles and priorities that concern the people in Sabah and Sarawak."

He claimed that the vice president position has little influence in the party where people do not listen to each other, not even in the Supreme Council.

"I have already been national vice-president and see no point in hogging at my age a relatively junior and powerless post and continue to be bogged down by a situation where no one listens to you," he added.

He said that the political interests between the Borneo and Peninsular states do not coincide, however, both sides can still "work together as genuine partners on the agenda for change and reform."

While he refused to comment on the PKR elections, he showed support for mother-daughter team, Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as party president and Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar as deputy president.

"Having a mother-daughter team to head a political party is a unique situation but in this particular case, it can be viewed as something positive for the party," he said.

He also said he favours if Pakatan Rakyat (PR) coordinator Zaid Ibrahim stays out from contesting for the deputy president position.

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