

PKR elections proceeds despite allegations
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PETALING JAYA - PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution dismissed Zaid Ibrahim's allegations against the party's voting process and said the party will continue with the ongoing direct elections according to plan.

Saifuddin said Tuesday the allegations of discrepancies and irregularities of the party polls were made without basis, MI reported.

He said if there has been manipulation in the voting process as alleged by Zaid Ibrahim, who left the deputy presidential race and quit all other party posts on Monday, the latter would not have won 38 out of 37 divisions since the polling started on Oct 29.

The party's current vice-president, Azmin Ali had only taken 37 divisions in the race for PKR's second post while another contender, Mustafa Kamil Ayub, has won in 11 divisions.

"If there has been manipulation, he could not have won even one division," Saifuddin said in the press conference.

Meanwhile, Azmin Ali rebutted against Zaid's criticism against him and Anwar Ibrahim by telling the former Umno leader to "respect the due democratic elections process" and provide evidence to support his claims that there were election fraud and malpractices in the party's ongoing elections.

Zaid had earlier blamed Azmin and Anwar as the root-cause of the party's problems and wanted them both to vacate their party leadership.

Anwar had later dismissed Zaid's remarks saying those are the latter's personal view which he did not want to directly respond.

"I do not want to entertain that, probably that is his personal view and has been so for a long time, and now is coming out in the open

"I don't believe I should respond to that it's his personal view, this party has substantial number of members ... let it be. For now I see no reason why I should respond to his allegations. We leave it at that," the opposition leader was quoted as saying by an online news website.

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