

Mustaffa continues No 2 battle
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PETALING JAYA - Mustaffa Kamil Ayub will continue to stay in the PKR's deputy presidential race despite the ongoing dispute over alleged irregularities in the election process.

"For the sake of the party, if the election proceeds I am staying in the deputy presidential race albeit in protest," Mustaffa said Friday and quoted by The Star.

He said the party central election committee had agreed to look into his complaints and rectify previous irregularities giving him more confidence to run in the polls.

Mustaffa, who also said about 75 per cent of his supporters have urged him to stay on, has called for the party members to vote and give him the opportunity to serve PKR.

Mustaffa and Zaid Ibrahim, who withdrew from the deputy presidential race, had submitted a memorandum on Monday to the central election committee (JPP) chairperson Dr Molly Cheah. They urged Cheah to resolve the complaints filed against the election process, which cited discrepancies and irregularities, and gave the latter till Thursday to respond.

Mustaffa had also on Tuesday threatened to take 'firm action' if the ongoing polls were not stopped while saying it was necessary to have fresh polls in the wake of election fraud.

Mustaffa said the PKR's political bureau and Cheah had given his satisfactory replies to his demands and they have agreed on three issues on Thursday.

"Firstly, they agreed to ensure JPP remains autonomous in the election process. Secondly, it was agreed that a panel be set up to observe JPP to ensure the election body remains transparent," he was quoted in FMT.

Mustaffa also said Cheah has promised to dismiss any of the officers who show favouritism to any candidates.

With Zaid Ibrahim officially out from race, Mustaffa's rival is Azmin Ali who was previously reported to have garnered most votes.