

Zaid: I've had enough, I quit
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PETALING JAYA - Enough is enough. So finally, without much surprise to anyone, Zaid Ibrahim has decided to quit Parti Keadilan Rakyat on Monday.

The maverick politician told The Star in an interview that he has had enough of recent turn of events in the party after he quit the PKR deputy presidential race last week, alleging it has been rigged.

"I knew my days in the party were numbered because the leaders were relentlessly making personal attacks against me.

"I am quitting because I want to dissociate myself from liars and cheats. I do not want to be part of a group that propagates lies and does not have any qualms about cheating for as long as the end justifies the means," he was quoted as saying by The Star.

The former Cabinet minister, who joined the party in June 2009 after a fallout with Umno, said he would take a short break to "get away from all the attention".

"I am not sick of the party, I am sick of the sick leaders in the party," said the lawyer-turned-politician.

He dropped a bombshell when he asked party adviser Anwar Ibrahim to quit, saying PKR would not be able to carry out its reform agenda as long as Anwar and his "preferred" deputy presidency candidate Azmin Ali remained in power.

Zaid said he had been attacked for merely asking for a clean, free and fair party election.

He said that right from the start of polling when he was leading the pack in the race for the No. 2 post, he had been calling on party leaders to seriously look into irregularities in the balloting process.

"How can they blatantly lie that I only made noise after my opponent (Azmin) took the lead on the third day of polling?" he asked.

"They call me a troublemaker, that I am a Trojan horse out to destroy the party. They also accused me of being an Umno agent trying to destroy the party from within.

"I cannot accept all these lies.

"They (PKR leaders) do not take well to criticism. They 'shoot' the messenger of truth, rather than address the complaints," he told The Star.

According to political observers, Zaid is likely to go on and form his own party.

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