

No future for Indians in PKR, says Nalla

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KUALA LUMPUR: Businessman K.S. Nallakaruppan who quit Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) in May, has urged Indians to quit the party.

"There is no future for the Indians in PKR. The leaders have no interest in the problems of the Indian community," he said here on Saturday.

The 61-year-old Nallakaruppan quit PKR after Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim directed him to withdraw from the vice-president's race in the party elections although he had received the second highest number of nominations.

His latest outburst follows a claim by PKR deputy president Syed Husin Ali that Nallakaruppan had brought in only 136 Indian members into the party.

"Syed Husin was never there when I handed over 2,000 membership forms to Anwar when I joined the party on Aug 20, 2006.

"Anwar himself had publicly given me credit for bringing in the members," he said.

Nallakaruppan said former Selangor PKR deputy chief P. Krishnasamy still has about 4,000 slips of the membership forms, which were handed over to Faizal Mustaffa, who was the assistant to the secretary-general.

"Although the forms were handed in, they were not processed as the PKR was busy preparing for the party's elections as well as bringing Datuk Jeffrey Kitingan into the party," he said.

On his political future, Nallakaruppan said he was still in the midst of discussions with several quarters.

"I will make an announcement soon. My supporters are waiting for a word from me and they will accept whatever decision I make," he said.

Krishnasamy said the present Indian leaders in PKR did not have any standing among the Indian community.

They (the leaders) only know how to lodge police reports and try to gain cheap publicity. They are not concerned in addressing the problems of the community, he said.