

'Anwar plays dictatorial politics'

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PKR Youth head Ezam quits party

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PETALING JAYA: Former Parti Keadilan Rakyat Youth chief Ezam Mohd Nor has quit the party and accused his one-time political idol Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim of dictatorial politics.

He also slammed PKR vice-president Azmin Ali as "a schemer who dominates Anwar in PKR."

"Anwar cannot make firm decisions against Azmin and this is detrimental to the party," said Ezam, a charismatic politician who was Anwar's political secretary when they were in Umno.

He said his resignation took effect on April 4, which is the anniversary of the party's formation.

He had delayed the announcement because he did not wish to be accused of undermining the party congress and elections last month.

Ezam had quit all his party posts in February.

Both Ezam and Azmin followed Anwar out of Umno in 1998.

Ezam was critical of Anwar's role as the *de facto* leader of PKR, whose president is Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

"It is not democratic and smacks of dictatorial politics. Anwar chairs meetings, he appoints people in the party but he is not the president," said Ezam.

It was learnt that PAS had sent its top vice-president Datuk



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Husam Musa to invite him to join the party and to contest a seat in Kelantan in the general election.

Ezam has also received informal approaches from Umno politicians.

But, he said, he wants to stay out of electoral politics for now and concentrate on his corruption-busting NGO, Gerak.

Anwar, who is in the Middle-East, could not be reached for comment.

Azmin, who is attending a meeting in Jakarta, said Ezam was out for cheap publicity.

"It is an insult to suggest that Anwar is being controlled by me.

"Anwar is an international figure and an experienced politician. No one controls him."