

Pas and Keadilan to boycott polls

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RAUB: Pas and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) last night announced that they would boycott the Batu Talam by-election scheduled for Jan 28.

Pas deputy president Nasharudin Mat Isa said the decision was taken following the discovery of discrepancies in the electoral roll for the constituency.

"The electoral roll appears doubtful.

Coupled with postal votes that are never transparent and prejudiced, we decided that it was best we boycotted the by-election," he said before 1,000 Pas and PKR supporters at Pas' constituency headquarters here.

Also present were Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and PKR adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Nasharudin also said that the biased

attitude of the Election Commission chairman favouring the Barisan Nasional (BN) was also a factor in the boycott decision.

The seat fell vacant following the death of its BN state assemblyman Datuk Tengku Paris Tengku Razlan, 65, of cancer on Dec 27.

The EC fixed Jan 16 as the nomination day. — Bernama