

# Ezam not quitting PKR

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## Party leaders deny rumours

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**PETALING JAYA:** Confusion hangs over the reported resignation of former Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Youth chief Ezam Mohd Noor, with party leaders denying he had quit all his posts on Sunday.

PKR information chief Tian Chua insisted that Ezam had not resigned from any of his posts.

"We have not received any resignation letter from him. I should know if he has submitted anything," said Chua.

Ezam is said to have quit his posts as Selangor PKR deputy head and Shah Alam division head on Sunday.

Chua, however, said rumours of Ezam resigning from PKR have become a seasonal occurrence.

PKR vice-president Azmin Ali said that Ezam attended a court trial with him yesterday and the subject of him quitting was not raised.

Azmin, who is said to be in a power struggle with Ezam, also denied having problems with him.

"We have a warm relationship and we are family friends," he said.

Party sources said Ezam, once a rising star in PKR, had planned to announce his resignation at a gathering in his house in Shah Alam on Sunday night.

PKR members had received SMSes' on Tuesday stating: "Be there to see Ezam resign from PKR and declare an open war on Azmin. He will also expose secrets and scandals

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involving Azmin tonight."

However, fewer than 100 members turned up and they were not happy with Ezam's speech attacking PKR leaders for lacking credibility and calling them "half-past-six leaders".

Things backfired on Ezam, when some of those present began asking hostile questions.

One of them, Latheefa Koya from the Youth wing, even accused him of behaving like an Umno politician.

To make matters worse, the crowd clapped and cheered each time someone asked Ezam a thorny question.

Party sources also said Ezam had retracted his quit move and that his action had to do with the party elections scheduled for May.

Ezam is said to be trying to block Azmin from moving up to the deputy president's post.