

Azmin tops in vice-presidency race

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SEREMBAN: Azmin Ali, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's former private secretary, topped the vice-presidency race with 724 votes at the fourth national congress of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) here yesterday.

Coming in second was cardiologist Dr Lee Boon Chye with 630 votes while Mustafa Kamil Ayub, formerly from Abim, was in third spot with 604 votes.

Two other candidates who contested and lost were Dr Xavier Jayakumar and former Wanita chief Fuziah Salleh. Datuk Dr Jeffrey Kitingan withdrew from the contest.

Earlier, president Datin Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and her deputy Dr Syed Husin Ali retained their seats unopposed.

In the race for the 20th supreme council seats, Sarawak's Padungan

state assemblyman Dominique Ng came out top followed by ex-ISA detainee Dr Badrul Amin.

Lawyer R. Sivarasa, activist Irene Fernandez and Khalid Jaafar, one of Anwar's close aides also made the cut.

In his winding-up address, de facto PKR leader Anwar announced a few appointments.

He appointed Sivarasah and Dr

Jeffrey as vice-presidents, Tian Chua retained his information chief post and William Leong replaced Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim as the party's new treasurer.

Khalid, PKR's candidate in the Ijok by-election, has been made the new secretary-general.

Azmin retains his post as the election bureau director while Fuziah is his deputy.