

'Agent provocateurs wrecking havoc in PKR'

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MELAKA: There are agent provocateurs wrecking havoc in PKR, said the party's advisory council chairman, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

The deputy prime minister said that this was apparent from the ruckus, which occurred at the PKR Youth congress here yesterday.

"We have a lot of agent provocateurs. I am not accusing anyone. Let the police do their investigation," she said after jointly closing the Women and Youth wings' congresses at the Melaka International Trade Centre (MITC) here yesterday.

Asked if all was well in the party considering that the brawl took place during the running of PKR Youth and Women's wings' congresses, Dr Wan Azizah said the attacks would be left to the authorities to handle.

There were incidents of brawls inside and outside the venue of the Youth congress with some members engaging in shouting matches, while pushing and punching each other.

In one of the brawls at noon, one Youth delegate was hurt

when a person threw a stone at him. He is being treated at a hospital here.

The first melee occurred about 10am when former PKR Youth permanent chairman Muhamad Mizan Adli Mohd Nor attempted to enter the hall where the wing's congress was being held.

Mizan led a group of 50 supporters who demanded to be allowed into Dewan Klasik at MITC.

However, a confrontation between them and Skwad Keadilan members, who were tasked with maintaining security, occurred and led to punches being thrown.

Mizan, along with deputy Youth permanent chairman Mohd Ramly Ahmad, who are both aligned to a faction that supports PKR deputy president Datuk Seri Azmin Ali, were sacked from their positions on Nov 27.

The party had said at the time that the duo had breached an age eligibility regulation and that there had been discrepancies in the votes they had obtained when they were elected to the positions in last year's party polls.



Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail speaking to the press at the Melaka International Trade Centre in Ayer Keroh yesterday. PIC BY RASUL AZLI SAMAD

Previously, Mizan had said he would continue to chair yesterday's congress.

However, yesterday morning, the Youth congress elected Melaka PKR Youth secretary Rashid Abu Bakar as the new permanent chairman and Kedah PKR Youth secretary Wan Mohamad Syahzral Wan Shahidan as the wing's new deputy permanent chairman.

Dr Wan Azizah said there was still hope that the tense moments in the Youth congress would not

spill over to the main congress, which begins today.

She said this when asked the reason why peace was not reflected at yesterday's Youth congress, despite a so-called truce reached between party president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his deputy, Azmin, ahead of the 14th PKR national congress.

She said Azmin, when he jointly opened the Women and Youth wings' congresses on Thursday, had remained calm despite all that had happened.

"When Azmin came (on Thursday night), he was cool, nothing was wrong.

"We want everyone to be cool too.

"Don't provoke because if you do, something will happen."

She was asked why such infighting could continue in PKR after a year although the top leadership already knew about it.

"It's dynamic, it's the party. In any party, there is dynamism.

"If it is a dead party, it will be boring."