

No Cabinet shake-up despite losses in PKR polls: PM

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has firmly stated that PKR's internal elections have no bearing on the federal administration, brushing aside speculation of a Cabinet reshuffle.

"This is a matter of party leadership and the process went smoothly. If there are any concerns or confusion, they can be addressed within the party framework.

"The elections proceeded well, and we'll hold a special meeting this Wednesday. Again, this is strictly party business.

"There's no question of it affecting the state or federal governments. Everything is running as usual and smoothly."

Anwar, who is also PKR president, stressed that Cabinet positions are based on performance, not party politics.

"I assess them based on their work - not political manoeuvring," he told reporters at the Higher Education Ministry Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration.

Also present were Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir, his deputy Datuk Mustapha Sakmud, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar, and Public Service director-general Tan Sri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz.

The PKR divisional elections, which concluded on Sunday, saw several members of Anwar's administration losing their party posts.

One of them was Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister and PKR vice-president Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, who lost the Setiawangsa division chief post to actor-director Datuk Afdlin Shauki. Afdlin garnered 631 votes to Nik Nazmi's 563.

Youth and Sports Deputy Minister Adam Adli Abd Halim also failed in his bid to become Hang Tuah Jaya's deputy division chief, receiving 791 votes against Zamzizul Nordin's 1,905.

On Sunday, Energy Transition and Water Transformation Deputy Minister Akmal Nasrullah »Mohd Nasir lost the Johor Bahru division chief post to Johor PKR Youth chief Mohamad Taufiq Ismail, who secured 709 votes to Akmal's 587.

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