

# PM: Polls outcome will not lead to cabinet reshuffle

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he would not stand in the way of PKR leaders who wish to resign from the government following the party elections this week.

Anwar, who is PKR president, said the party polls in Johor would not lead to any cabinet reshuffle.

“This (party election) is a contest between friends and colleagues.

“There is absolutely no question of any changes to the cabinet.

“I don’t know what will happen, but we cannot stop someone’s decision (to resign from the cabinet if they lose in the party polls).

“If you ask me, there is absolutely no plan to carry out any reshuffle.”

He said this in a media briefing with domestic and international editors at Seri Perdana on Wednesday.

He was responding to remarks by Economy Minister Datuk Seri Rafizi Ramli, who recently said he was prepared to step down from the cabinet if he failed to retain his position as PKR deputy



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president in the polls.

Present at the briefing were Media Prima’s News and Current Affairs group managing editor Jasbant Singh; deputy group editor and *New Straits Times* group editor Farrah Naz Abd Karim; NCA Television Networks group editor Azhari Muhidin; *Berita Harian* group editor Zulkifli Jalil; and

*Harian Metro* group editor Husain Jahit.

Rafizi made the remarks in a recent episode of the podcast *Yang Bakar Menteri*, titled *Yang Berhenti Menteri?*, stating that he was ready to quit the cabinet if he lost his position as PKR’s No. 2.

He said that even if he stepped down from the cabinet, he would

continue serving as the member of parliament for Pandan and, in doing so, be free to speak on any issue.

Anwar reminded party members to elect leaders who could strengthen the party.

Rafizi will face off against Nurul Izzah Anwar for the deputy president’s post.