

PKR In Apparent Disunity Over Choice Of Candidates
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JOHOR BAHRU, April 15 (Bernama) -- The Johor Parti Keadilan Pakyat (PKR) appears to be in a state of rack and ruin.

Its Indian members are crying foul and neglect by state PKR chairman Datuk Chua Jui Meng and deputy secretary Steven Choong.

They said Chua and Choong had failed to fulfill the wishes of the party's grassroots members in overlooking Indians as candidates in the 13th General Election on May 5.

Tebrau PKR division Angkatan Muda Keadilan (AMK) acting chief A. Prasad said the Indian members were now questioning Chua's loyalty towards PKR and the party's top leaders.

"We want to know why none of the party's Indian leaders, especially Tebrau PKR division chief K. Selvakumaran, was selected as candidate for parliamentary seats in the state?

"Unlike Chua, Selvakumaran did not go missing or sulk. Instead, he advised us to be patient and support any PKR candidate in the general election," he told a press conference in Johor Baharu, Monday.

The party's Indian members are mad with the state leadership after PAS recently announced its Supporters Congress women's wing chief R. Kumutha Raman as a candidate for the Tiram state seat.

PKR has yet to name any Indian candidate.

On Choong, Prasad said the party's deputy secretary-general should not have become a candidate for the Tebrau parliamentary seat as he was the director of elections.

"We have been working hard under the Tebrau PKR machinery for the past five years to support Selvakumaran as a candidate for the Tebrau parliamentary seat," he said, adding that Selvakumaran was a winnable candidate.

He said Chua and Choong should be held accountable if Johor PKR lost in the general election.

Taman Daya PKR branch chief S. Yogeswaran, who was also present, said that the party's Indian members would hold a massive demonstration in the near future against Chua and Choong, if they did not field any Indian candidate.

"We will also close down 10 of the party's Tebrau machinery rooms and cease working to oppose Choong's candidacy in the area as he had done nothing for the people here," he claimed.

PKR has yet to announce the candidates for the Pontian parliamentary seat, and Layang-layang and Tenggaraoh state seats.

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