

**Pakatan expects to finalise candidates list by today**  
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SUBANG JAYA, April 18 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) expects to finalise its candidates list for Election 2013 by today as party leaders meet later today to negotiate “one or two more” seats.

This comes as component party PKR handed over candidacy letters to its nominees today, with the party set to contest 102 parliamentary seats and 162 state seats.

“There are still one or two seats which need to be finalised by this evening with PAS and DAP. We will continue our negotiations this afternoon, and I’m sure we will reach a decision by then,” PKR deputy president Azmin Ali (picture) told reporters here.

PKR is also adamant about contesting the Semenyih seat, despite its ally Parti Sosialis Malaysia’s (PSM) insistence of fielding its candidate, secretary-general S. Arutchelvan.

“We ask them not to interfere with DAP in Jelapang, and PKR in Semenyih ... We hope we can settle this in the next 24 hours,” Azmin said.

PKR handed over the candidacy letter to Serdang PKR division chief Hamidi Hassan today, its candidate for the Semenyih seat.

The opposition pact, composed of PKR, the DAP, PAS, has been criticised for allegedly being divided over their ideological differences.

PR’s political enemy Barisan Nasional (BN) announced all its candidate early this week, also including a candidacy letter handover, a move branded by political analysts as “systematic and organised”.

The nomination of candidates for all contesting parties in Election 2013 is this Saturday and polling is on May 5.

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