

PKR Sacks 34 Members Standing As Independents In General Election
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 27 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) has expelled 34 of its members who are contesting as Independents in the 13th General Election, party vice-president Tian Chua announced today.

He said they had failed to respond by the deadline of 5 pm on Thursday to a request by the party for them to withdraw their candidacy and apologise.

Tian Chua told Bernama all the candidates were divisional leaders.

"The party constitution states that any member who goes against the party or joins another would be automatically expelled, but we gave these people a warning and time to apologise.

"However, up to 5 pm on Thursday, there was no response from these members. They will be issued with letters of expulsion," he said.

Tian Chua declined to elaborate on the reasons for these members to contest as Independents.

"How do I know why they are contesting as Independents? You have to ask them. Their action indicates that they violated party discipline and for that they should be expelled," he said.

Last Wednesday, PKR president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail gave these members up to 5 pm on Thursday to withdraw their candidacy and apologise.

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