

A Few PKR Top Leaders See Decline In Majority Votes
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 (Bernama) -- A few PKR top leaders saw a decline in their majority votes in the 13th General Election despite the Pakatan Rakyat party winning four more parliamentary seats to take its tally to 30 compared to the seats held at the time of dissolution of the last Dewan Rakyat.

The four additional seats are Batu Pahat (Johor), Bukit Katil (Melaka), Penampang (Sabah) and Miri (Sarawak).

PKR advisor Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim retained his stronghold of Permatang Pauh in Penang but suffered a drop in the majority vote to 11,721 from the 15,671 in 2008.

It was a similar story in the case of Anwar's daughter and PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah and PKR deputy president Mohamed Azmin Ali, whose majority votes dropped in their retention of the Lembah Pantai and Gombak parliamentary seats, respectively.

Nurul Izzah beat Federal Territories and Urban Well-being Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Zainal Abidin by 1,847 votes. In 2008, she had defeated Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil by 2,895 votes.

Mohamed Azmin obtained a 4,734-vote majority compared to 6,867 votes in the 2008 general election.

Nevertheless PKR vice-presidents Tian Chua and Fuziah Salleh as well as supreme council member Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim and Wanita chief Zuraida Kamaruddin increased their majority votes in the Batu, Kuantan and Bandar Tun Razak parliamentary constituencies, respectively.

PKR's new face, Mohd Rafizi Ramli, who is the party's strategy director, managed to capture the Pandan parliamentary seat with a majority of 26,729 votes against Lim Chin Yee of the Barisan Nasional (BN) and independent candidate Tan Yew Leng.

Elsewhere, Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, Datuk Chua Jui Meng and Dr Abdul Aziz Bari failed in the Kulim-Bandar Baharu, Segamat and Sabak Bernam parliamentary constituencies.

Saifuddin, the PKR secretary-general, was Machang MP; Jui Meng, who is PKR vice-president and Johor PKR chairman, joined PKR in 2009 while Abdul Aziz, a former law lecturer at the International Islamic University of Malaysia, was a new face.

PKR contested 99 parliamentary seats and won 30 seats in this general election, compared to 2008 when it contested 95 seats and won 31.

However, five PKR MPs quit the party and declared themselves Independent MPs, reducing the party's parliamentary seats to 26.

Pakatan Rakyat retained power in Selangor, Kelantan and Penang in the 13th general election

PKR secured 14 state seats and nine parliamentary seats in Selangor, one state seat in Kelantan and 10 state seats and three parliamentary seats in Penang.

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