

Opposition leader post not an issue as GE13 results doubted, says Anwar
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PETALING JAYA, May 7 — The issue of who will be the opposition leader does not arise as Pakatan Rakyat (PR) is questioning the legitimacy of the Barisan Nasional (BN) government, PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said today.

The DAP grabbed 38 federal seats, which was the lion's share of seats that PR won in Election 2013; PKR and PAS took 30 and 21 seats respectively.

"That does not arise because we're questioning the results of the election," Anwar (picture) told a packed press conference at the PKR headquarters here when asked if he would remain as opposition leader.

Anwar also blamed PKR's lacklustre performance in the 13th general election on vote-rigging, saying: "You've not been listening to what we've been saying about fraud."

The DAP won about 75 per cent of the 51 federal seats it contested, while PKR won only about 29 per cent of the 102 parliamentary seats it contested.

DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, however, said yesterday that the party would endorse Anwar as opposition leader despite the DAP being the second largest party in Parliament after Umno.

Polls watchdog Bersih has refused to recognise the BN government until it verifies reports of electoral fraud.

Anwar pointed out today that PR won 52 per cent of the popular vote, showing that the coalition had gained support from all races.

"Preliminary analysis indicates that support for Pakatan Rakyat increased throughout the country across the board, especially with the younger voters irrespective of race," he said.

The last time that an Umno-led coalition lost the popular vote was in 1969, then contested by BN's predecessor, the Alliance Party.

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