

Azmin Calls For Independent Committee To Ensure Fair Party Elections

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GEORGE TOWN, May 12 (Bernama) - Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) has been urged to establish an independent committee to oversee party elections to ensure that they are fair, clean and transparent.

Its deputy president, Azmin Ali said the independent committee should be permanent, complete with officials and staff and not established on an ad hoc basis.

"I propose that the committee be similar to the Central Election Committee (CEC) that oversees the general election. It must be professional to ensure fair and transparent elections," he told reporters after launching the Bukit Gelugor PKR operations room, here today.

He was commenting on the cancellation of elections in 12 PKR divisions in Selangor yesterday for alleged fraud and non-transparency of the voting process.

The divisions were Kuala Selangor, Sabak Bernam, Klang, Kota Raja, Shah Alam, Kapar, Sungai Besar, Subang, Hulu Langat, Hulu Selangor, Sepang and Selayang.

Azmin said that the proposal would be discussed at the next PKR central committee meeting.

Asked about the chaos during party elections, he said: " We need to view it from a positive angle. We are the first political party to implement an open democratic system of one member, one vote.

"Being a new system, it is in need of improvement. We have studied the matter and will be making some improvements," he added.

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