

Problems with PKR elections the result of bad leadership, says Utusan Malaysia
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Umno mouthpiece Utusan Malaysia has labelled PKR a half-baked party and pinned the blame of allegations of fraud in the party's ongoing elections solely on the feet of de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his wife, president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

In an article published in its weekend edition, *Mingguan Malaysia*, op-ed writer Awang Selamat said the problem involving claims of vote manipulation and polls delays in several branches was because of the leadership failure of both Anwar and Dr Wan Azizah.

"This is the result of choosing a leader who has morality and integrity problems. This is especially since PKR is built on misdirected and extreme foundations.

"Awang's question to Anwar is, how are you going to helm the country if you can't even manage your party effectively?

"He is so good at lobbying Western countries to boost his own image but the party that he himself leads is Cap Ayam (chicken brand)," said Awang, which is the pseudonym for the Malay language newspaper collective editorial team.

He said problems involving PKR elections were not new, pointing out that polling at the lynchpin party of opposition Pakatan Rakyat pact in 2010 was marred by fights and upheavals at many of its branches.

The latest problems involving PKR's elections this time, Awang said, included the Sungai Petani division, headed by its elections director Datuk Johari Abdul. It was so tense that voting for the division's Youth wing had to be postponed.

"Awang just smiled. His own division is facing problems. How is he going to monitor other divisions?"

Awang said the Batang Sadong division in Sarawak and Kemaman in Terengganu also encountered problems involving allegations of vote manipulation when the electricity supply was disrupted.

"During the 13th general election, PKR spread false accusations against the Election Commission, but it turned out the party is practising dirty tactics. Embarrassing."

He said voting in the Kemaman division was tense when its chief, PKR strategy director Rafizi Ramli, was reportedly on the verge of defeat at the hands of his opponent Mohd Ramlee Hamzah but was "saved" by provocative actions and claims of technical problems.

"Rafizi, often portrays himself as great, but had to hang on by a thread in his own division."

Awang said to date, polling at some eight divisions had to be postponed and this added to PKR's reputation as being inefficient in managing party elections.

The PKR elections are expected to end on May 11. The results will be announced on May 13. – May 4, 2014.

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