

PKR to release videos of party election chaos
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PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today announced that the party will make public all videos related to the 2014 internal polls, in an admission that violence and gangsterism had marred the process.

"The party's political bureau last night has agreed to reveal all material to the public. My opinion is also to be transparent and reveal the video evidence," Anwar told a press conference at the PKR headquarters in Petaling Jaya today.

He however claimed that the incidents, where scuffles broke out at some voting centres in Selangor, involved outsiders who were not party members.

He said the videos would be released once the party's central elections committee completed its investigations.

Anwar said the party would not cover up any wrongdoing during the party's polls, which saw fisticuffs, ballots boxes being smashed, and furniture being thrown in several voting centres in Selangor last weekend.

Over a dozen polls in the party's Selangor divisions had to be cancelled due to violence, which occurred in the most heated election for the future direction of the party.

"We had learned lessons from the 2010 elections but we did not expect the huge turnout of voters. But we gave the secretariat the freedom to conduct the elections.

"We have several reports and video evidence of people who were not party members and people who had been sneaked into the party after we stopped accepting new members on March 15.

"The candidates and the political bureau have given their full support to the election committee to terminate the membership of those found to have breached discipline and been involved in violence during the polls," he said.

Anwar also said that there were attempts to get PKR deregistered by dragging the party to the Registrar of Societies (RoS), much like what happened to the DAP in 2012.

The DAP came close to being deregistered weeks before the 13th general election last year over irregularities during its party polls.

"The party will ensure that all procedures will be carried out and any disputes should follow the proper channels," he said. – May 16, 2014.

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