

Seek help from Umno, cops over party polls, Utusan tells PKR
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Umno mouthpiece Utusan Malaysia today listed several quarters PKR could turn to for help, including rival Umno, the much-maligned Election Commission (EC) and the police to complete its party elections.

Awang Selamat, the Umno-owned newspaper's collective editorial pseudonym, said the fresh elections, which have been marred by fistfights and allegations of vote-buying, proved PKR leaders had lost control of the party.

"Awang suggests that PKR invite international observers and the EC to monitor the elections. Aside from that, it should employ the services of Umno and PAS, which have carried out their own party polls smoothly.

"In terms of security, request help from the police and Rela members. Ambulances should also be on standby," Awang Selamat said in the weekend edition, *Mingguan Malaysia*.

Awang said fresh elections in Kuala Langat, Kuala Selangor and Sabak Bernam had only further humiliated the party.

"Just look at the photos of the fights which have left some injured and bleeding in the face."

Rubbing salt to the wound, he suggested that all individuals who wished to attend its elections come prepared with protective headgear.

"All who are present should be advised to don a helmet as an extra precautionary measure. Why not?"

Awang said he no longer had the energy to even shake his head over the antics of a party that aspired to take over Putrajaya and lead the country.

"Never mind that the elections in many PKR branches across the country were chaotic and ridden with violence and fraud, but the re-elections are just as bad.

"It appears that PKR leaders have lost control of their party besides failing to carry out smooth elections."

On June 3, PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail blamed the chaos on “non-members powered by gangsters”, although she did not deny the breach of discipline had involved some party members. – June 22, 2014.

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