

Ex-Guthrie CEO joins Keadilan

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former Kumpulan Guthrie Berhad chief executive officer, Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has joined Parti Keadilan Rakyat, and has been appointed its treasurer-general.

Khalid said he decided to join the opposition party, after being invited by former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who is also Keadilan adviser, as both of them "share the same ideals and principles".

"He had invited me as a friend.

I thought about it and told myself, since he needs my support, why not do my bit," he said.

Khalid said he met Anwar yesterday morning and agreed to the appointment as the party's treasurer-general, a post that fell vacant following the resignation of Abdul Rahman Othman on Wednesday.

Khalid, who had been an Umno member since 1978, said he applied to join Keadilan some time ago but his membership was only approved recently.

According to Keadilan information chief Tian Chua, Khalid's application to join the party was approved during its political bureau meeting on Wednesday.

It was also decided at the meeting for Rahman's resignation as treasurer-general to be accepted.

Tian Chua said initially Khalid only wanted to be an ordinary party member but agreed to accept the post after being persuaded by the top leadership. — Bernama