

Speaker Biography & Background



Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad is the Communications Director for People's Justice Party (Parti Keadilan Rakyat or PKR) and State Assemblyman for Selangor, Malaysia. In the 2008 general elections, Nik Nazmi at 26 was the youngest elected representative in the elections.

Educated at the Malay College Kuala Kangsar, Nik Nazmi furthered his education in law at King's College, University of London where he became active with various student organisations.

Nik Nazmi started his website in 1997, and progressed to a blog in 2001. He also started a webzine for Malaysian youths called SuaraAnum.com at the same time.

In 2006, Nik Nazmi was appointed as Private Secretary to PKR De-Facto Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Due to his practical exposure to the Internet, Nik Nazmi utilised the medium to the full extent in the 2008 elections including having a 'blog for Nik Nazmi' day, producing a campaign video and a Friends of Nik Nazmi group on Facebook.

After the 2008 elections to 2010 he held the position of Political Secretary to Selangor Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

Nik Nazmi has spoken at events in Malaysia, the US, UK, Singapore and Australia relating to Islam, democracy, Malaysian politics and new media.

A prolific writer with columns in the Edge, Malaysian Insider and Sinar Harian, Nik Nazmi has also written two books – Moving Forward: Malays for the 21st Century and Coming of Age: a Decade of Essays 2001-2011.

He blogs at www.niknazmi.com.