

'Root out Pakatan's sabotaging mavericks'
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Selangor Pakatan Rakyat elected representatives today called on the state and individual component parties to root out "mavericks" who they say are "sabotaging" the harmony of the opposition coalition-led state government.

"We must identify people like this, those who continue to cause trouble. They want Pakatan to fail, they want to sabotage Pakatan.

"Suddenly, they bring up issues, at the backbenchers' level, at the local council level. As if they want to rock the boat. These issues appear suddenly, close to by-elections," said Shah Alam parliamentarian Khalid Samad of PAS.

Speaking to the press at his office this morning, Khalid (right) explained that his concerns arose in relation to the ruckus over the Subang Jaya Municipal Council's (MPSJ) decision to ban entertainment premises serving alcohol from employing Muslims.

Calling this group the "backbenchers of the backbenchers", the PAS leader said once identified, the party must take stern action against these 'mavericks' and 'saboteurs'.

"The party must be stern about this, because it involves the people's interests. If such people are from BN or Umno, its another thing, but they are our party members," lamented Khalid.

Asked who these 'mavericks' and 'saboteurs' were, the politician became coy.

"Well, the issue happened in MPSJ... if it was in Shah Alam, I could ask my councillors. But it happened in Subang Jaya.

"The coalition has to look at who brought up the issue, who proposed it. This incident can only happen if someone were to suggest or bring it up," he answered.

While he declined to point his finger at anybody, Khalid is believed to be referring to Pakatan representatives in the local council.

'No big brother role in Pakatan'

Commenting further, Khalid said the "government is run by consensus" in the Pakatan-ruled states.

"There is no big brother role in the Pakatan. Every policy must first be discussed and agreed to by the coalition.

"I urge the state government and the Pakatan leadership not to implement any policy without first studying it," he added.

Agreeing with Khalid, Kampung Tunku assemblyperson Lau Weng San (left) said the state had to ensure that any policy implemented was discussed with legal experts first, so as to

avoid the blow-up that occurred over the controversial MPSJ ruling.

Lau also said the component parties in Pakatan were equal.

"There is no question of PAS being the delivery boy for DAP or vice-versa, nor is PAS or DAP subservient to PKR, or the other way around.

"There is no big parent in Pakatan, like Najib, who can use his power as BN chairman to veto candidates he finds wanting," said Lau.

To this, Khalid interjected that there was no "big mama" in Pakatan either, with those assembled breaking out in laughter.

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