

Not getting two-thirds majority no reason to resign
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Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim's political secretary, Faekah Husin, today defended her boss against calls by Deputy Premier Muhyiddin Yassin for the MB to step down.

She was responding to a statement by Muhyiddin in Bandar Seri Begawan calling for Khalid to quit after his failure on Monday to secure the two-thirds majority vote needed to amend the state constitution, and restore the powers of the Sultan and MB in the appointment of state executive officers.

"It was a statement not guided by fact or law, and shows shallow intellect. Too bad it was uttered by one who bears the title of deputy prime minister and senior federal minister," Faekah (left) said in a statement to the media today.

Muhyiddin who is Pagoh MP, had stated: "By right, he (Khalid) should resign for failing to get the support of the State Assembly."

Muhyiddin's call was also repeated by Selangor BN deputy information chief Noh Omar.

Faekah argued that even law students would know that according to the federal constitution, there is only one thing that can force a head of government to resign.

"This is defined in article 43(4) of the federal constitution, whereby a head of government (need only resign) if he or she has lost majority support from the Dewan," reasoned Faekah, who is also a PKR division leader.

The same provisions she said, are also present in the constitutions of all the states in the country, and as things stand now, the MB still has support from 34 out of the 55 state assemblypersons.

"It is not simple majority or an ordinary majority, even though it is not two-thirds majority," she concluded, designating the scathing attack on her boss as a smokescreen that Umno is deploying to distract from the real issue of the Malay party's failure to restore the rights of the sultan and state.