

PKR-Snap solution by Thursday, says Azmin
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A solution is expected to the on-going tussle for Sarawak seats between PKR and Snap after leaders of the parties meet in Kuching on Thursday, said PKR deputy president Azmin Ali.

He said he had met senior Snap leader Daniel Tajem on Sunday and secretary-general Edmund Stanly Jugoh yesterday, describing both meetings as "encouraging".

"I will fly down on Thursday morning to meet them. They will show us their wish-list of seats and candidates, and we will do the same and we will discuss from there," he said when met after a Pakatan Rakyat meeting at the Opposition Leader's office in the Parliament tower block today.

Azmin (right) was commenting on the seat negotiations between the two parties - which at one point was on the brink of collapse due to what Snap claimed was PKR's "arrogance".

Snap president Edwin Dundang last week announced the party's list of candidates for 16 of the 71 state seats up for grabs in the looming state elections, in what he described as a move to pre-empt PKR's alleged move to contest 52 seats.

Azmin however has since declared that there is no major tussle between the two parties, refuting a media report that Snap has cut ties with PKR and Pakatan.

Overlapping claims

Asked about the status of the negotiations, Azmin admitted that both parties still have overlapping claims over the 16 seats that Snap has declared that it intends to contest.

Most of the 16 Snap seats overlap (with those wanted by PKR), because these are Iban-majority seats, and (PKR) of course has an interest in Iban seats," he said,

PKR also expects to settle negotiations with DAP soon over a "maximum" of three overlapping seats, he said.

Azmin expressed confidence that they will be able to get over "minor issues" that are outstanding between PKR and Snap by Thursday.

He explained that the negotiations will be based on "winnability" of candidates, with both PKR and Snap willing to make way if either one has a better candidate for each seat.

Azmin however declined to say more than that, avoiding giving any definite figures on the actual number of overlapping seats between PKR and Snap.

"The details will come on Thursday," was all he volunteered despite numerous questions on the issue.