

**Tian Chua: PKR-Snap talks still on  
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PKR today denied claims that seat negotiations with Snap are on the brink, stressing that discussions are still going on between the two parties.

PKR vice-president Tian Chua said both parties are still comparing their 'wish list' to determine whose candidates from the two parties have the highest chance of winning.

"Who said (negotiations have) broken down? Negotiations have not broken down yet, we are still discussing (seat allocations) today," he said when met in the Parliament lobby.

Snap director of operations Paul Kadang today claimed that PKR had given them an "infantile offer" of four seats, when the Sarawak-based party is gunning for at least 27 of the 71 state seats up for grabs.

Snap's account of the seat negotiations differs from what PKR deputy president Azmin Ali told the media yesterday, when he said it was agreed that four seats will go to Snap while discussions are still in progress for another 23 Dayak-majority seats.

This is the latest case of conflicting statements from leaders of both parties since negotiations officially started at least two weeks ago.

Hardly a week earlier, Snap had accused PKR of being "arrogant" for allegedly wanting the lion's share of the seats.

Azmin, who heads PKR's negotiating team, had at the time come out to pacify Snap leaders, holding two separate meetings with Snap senior leader and former deputy chief minister Daniel Tajem and secretary-general Edmund Stanly Jugoh to work out the kinks in their discussions.

**The BN factor**

Chua said both parties held an hour-long lunch meeting yesterday over the seat allocations between PKR and Snap, and that he expects an announcement on the final list to be made any time from now till nomination day on April 6.

He said however that they are concerned over Snap's unclear position regarding its relationship with BN - of which it was once a component party.

"I admit a problem is whether Snap will stand together with us or go their own way. We are worried with Snap's attitude towards BN.

"If we give up seats to Snap and they choose not to contest come nomination day, it will be a problem for us," he said.

In view of the uncertainty, Chua said PKR will prepare back-up candidates as a "preventive measure" if such a situation actually happens.

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