

Tengku Mahkota Pahang to step into khalwat case?

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PKR leader Badrulamin Bahron made his first public appearance last night after being accused of committing khalwat at a hotel in Balok, Kuantan on Sunday.

At a ceramah organised by PAS in Ampangan, Seremban, and attended by some 500 PAS and PKR supporters, Badrulamin got the crowd cheering loudly as he spoke of the possibility of the Pahang crown prince Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah intervening in the matter.

Badrulamin (right) arrived at the location about 10.30 last night accompanied by his wife.

He mingled with the crowd before going for a quick dinner at a nearby restaurant with his wife.

Badrulamin, who is communications director at the office of the Selangor menteri besar, said:

"The accusation against me has been given attention by Tengku Abdullah, who knows me personally. I have been invited to his functions before, to deliver speeches.

"Today (Monday), he directed his right-hand man to meet me to get my version (of the incident) and to discuss (the matter) with my lawyer.

"The picture that was given (to me) is that there is a high possibility of the Tengku Mahkota intervening (in this matter) to stop the slander and dirty works of Umno, which never stops using the tools of slander to attack, attack and attack," said Badrulamin.

He also made another interesting claim before the non-stop cheering crowd that kept his morale high whenever he made his "punch" points.

"On my trip to Kuala Lumpur in a mood of happiness, after all the positive developments, I received a report from my personal aide six men approached him (yesterday afternoon) and in a threatening tone asked him to cooperate with them.

'Great reward promised for cooperation'

"If he (the aide) works with them, they said, he would be greatly rewarded. He asked what kind of cooperation. The reply: possibilities of the Anwar Ibrahim episode repeating.

"They offered him the reward if he was willing to be a witness to 'burukkan saya' (run me down) and accused me of many wrongdoings. This is their modus operandi.

"But my aide is strong enough and resisted all their offers. He told me everything. Tomorrow (today), we will lodge a police report on this matter.

"Is it is not possible, and there will be a lot of possibilities, of certain people coming to tell you that I have done this and that to them?

"I believe they will continue to do this, just like what they did to Anwar, until the next general election is called."

Earlier, Badrulamin told the crowd that he had given his fullest cooperation to the Pahang Islamic Religious Department (JAIP) yesterday afternoon.

There were no contradictions in both his and the woman's statements, he said, and that the officers who interviewed him agreed that they had not been together when the officers arrived at the scene.

"With this, the statement of the deputy director of JAIP, Mohd Ghazali Abdul Aziz, that we were together does not stand.

"I can't reveal more than this, as advised by my lawyers, so that the investigations and our preparations, if JAIP proceeds with the case in court, are not jeopardised," Badrulamin added.

Prince denies involvement

The PAS-organised ceramah in Ampangan was supposed to be attended by Kuala Krai MP Dr Hatta Ramli as well, but he is still abroad, and this led to the Ampangan PAS chief Hassan Taha calling Badrulamin, whom he described as a close friend, to stand in.

Meanwhile, according to Bernama, Tengku Abdullah never interfered in the khalwat case involving the PKR leader.

The crown prince, who is now undergoing medical treatment at a hospital in Seoul, had merely enquired as to who was the PKR leader caught for committing khalwat (close proximity), said a reliable source.

The source told the news agency, on the night of Feb 25, Tengku Abdullah, who was in Kuala Lumpur before leaving for Seoul, had just asked who was the politician.

He had merely SMS-ed his officer to find out who the PKR leader was, the source said when contacted today.

According to the source, the officer contacted PKR's Pahang liaison committee chairperson Fauzi Abdul Rahman to enquire on the matter before forwarding the information to the crown prince.

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