

Khalid in limbo as Pakatan delays naming S'gor MB

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Selangor caretaker Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim's position remains in limbo, as there is no decision yet as to whether or not he will continue to lead the state government.

NONEState PKR chairperson Azmin Ali told a joint press conference with other state Pakatan Rakyat leaders today that a meeting would be convened soon.

The meeting will decide on the appointee for the menteri besar's post for the next term, and the decision will then be conveyed to the coalition's leadership council.

"We will discuss and we will follow the decision of Pakatan leaders. We will defend (Pakatan's) spirit of consensus and consultation to ensure that it will be stronger in the future," Azmin said when fielding questions from reporters.

NONEShah Alam MP Khalid Samad (left) said there was no issue of his party, PAS, being stronger than PKR in the state, although it won 15 state assembly seats compared with DAP's 15 and PKR's 14 in Sunday's general election.

"In Pakatan Rakyat, we are all of the same strength," Khalid said.

Khalid, the Selangor PAS deputy chief, added that PKR should have obtained 16 seats, except for 'mistakes' that have led to multi-corner fights in Kota Damansara and Semenyih.

'Review electoral system'

On a separate issue, Azmin called for a review of the electoral system to better reflect the people's support, given that BN won the parliamentary election even though Pakatan holds more than half of the popular vote.

NONE"Since we use the first-past-the-post system (FPTP), we cannot get enough parliamentary seats to form the (federal) government," he said.

"Therefore the system needs to be reviewed to better represent the people's support and sentiments. If we use the FPTP system, then this is our problem: The party with 46 percent of the votes can form the government but the party with 51

percent cannot.”

Azmin said the parliamentary select committee on electoral reform had recommended last year, that the Election Commission should review the system and consider alternatives such as the mixed-member proportional system practised in Germany.

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