

Azmin stays with PKR, raps Khalid's administration

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Refuting all speculation, PKR deputy president Azmin Ali said he will remain with the party and will not betray the trust of those who elected him MP for Gombak and Bukit Antarabangsa assemblyperson.

"Carry on dreaming, for I have no intention of resigning the duly elected position as deputy president.

NONE"Consequently and more significantly, I will not betray the trust of the people who five days ago elected me their MP and state assemblyperson," Azmin said.

He said speculation that he is after the post of Selangor MB is false, but claimed there was concern among the Selangor PKR leadership that the decision for the post had been decided without party consensus.

Azmin also said that most of the concern stemmed from the fact that the first-term Pakatan Rakyat Selangor administration had fallen short in serving the people.

However, he rejected claims that the unhappiness within the party was because Khalid had refused to support the divisions financially or through appointments within the state.

'We want humility in the CEO of the state'

"What we want in a CEO of a state is humility to listen to civil servants and the rakyat.

"We are not asking for contracts or tenders, no way... but RM2.6 billion in reserves is meaningless on paper when the problems on the ground are not solved," Azmin said.

The problems, he said, included the issues of land, water and bureaucracy, which have seen the business community waiting for years for approvals.

"The business community has been waiting two years for approvals. I expect a reformed government to do away with bureaucracy, while ensuring everything is transparent and above board," he said.

NONEAzmin also hit out at party de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim (right), who he said did not resolve these issues despite being appointed Selangor economic adviser for this purpose.

"(When the issues were raised) Anwar wanted to sit down and discuss them, but I told him we have discussed this for many years," he added.

Azmin said that the criticism against Abdul Khalid's administration is shared by PKR leaders nationwide, and as far as Sabah.

"The Sabah PKR leadership is here to show support," he said.

Those present at the packed press conference include Teluk Kemang MP Kamarul Bahrin Abbas, Kuala Langat MP Abdullah Sani Abdul Hamid, Ampang MP Zuraida Kamaruddin, Batu Caves assemblyperson Amiruddin Shaari and Seri Muda assemblyperson Amiruddin Shaari.

The room at the PKR headquarters in Tropicana, Selangor was filled with grassroots supporters who applauded their leader and refused to leave to make room for media despite the organisers' pleas.

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