

Bolt from the blue stuns many in PKR

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It came like a bolt from the blue, leaving many, including senior leaders in PKR, with jaws agape. They had not expected Kajang assemblyperson CC Lee (right) to vacate his seat.

The clandestine move was orchestrated by several people close to PKR supremo Anwar Ibrahim.

According to the grapevine, even PKR deputy president Azmin Ali's faction, which had been clamouring to seize control of Selangor, had been caught by surprise.

It is said that the move by Anwar's team aims to resolve the friction between Selangor PKR, headed by Azmin, and menteri besar Khalid Ibrahim.

Although the state PKR's support for Azmin remains strong, its members, however, were unable to prevent the announcement about CC Lee's resignation. The latter is an ex-Gerakan leader who is linked to Azmin.

It is learnt that Selangor PKR has yet to agree to the latest development and is in the process of formulating a strategy to deal with the matter.

Whereas those in the loop with regard to the surprise move are several senior and young PKR leaders, including secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution Ismail (left).

The move was successfully put into effect following Anwar's meeting with Khalid last week and Lee yesterday.

Anwar's team had given the impression to several PKR leaders that the normal process would not be viable for this move and therefore, it would be better if it was handled by a small team.

It is also uncertain if PKR's partners in Pakatan Rakyat would agree to this move.

It appears that both PAS and DAP are holding their tongues for now, preferring to observe what unravels first since their senior leaders were not consulted, which is a sore point for them.

It is learnt that last night, Anwar's team was outlining strategies to garner the support of DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng and PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang.

(Up to the point of writing, the reaction of the two parties remained unclear).

This morning, Anwar's team also held several last-minute meetings, including with Khalid and Azmin.

However, the plan also depends on whether Khalid would agree to it and if Azmin, a loyalist of Anwar, would lend his support.

And if Pakatan and the Selangor palace back Anwar's team but Khalid refuses to step down, what would happen next?

But today, Khalid announced that Anwar would contest the Kajang seat and that he would continue as MB for the 'time being'.

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