

## **Guan Eng throws support behind Anwar's candidacy**

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Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng now says that Pakatan Rakyat is behind Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim contesting in the Kajang by-election.

"We do not know what transpired that led to former Kajang assemblyperson Lee Chin Cheh resigning, but after our meeting with Pakatan leaders in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, we agree to Anwar contesting the by-election," he said, in a press conference today.

Yesterday, Lim said he had not been officially informed about developments in Selangor PKR, which led to Lee vacating his seat to pave the way for a by-election.

The DAP secretary-general said this before rushing to Kuala Lumpur for a meeting.

Lim's statement comes after Selangor DAP chief Tony Pua (right) pledged support for Anwar, while PAS Youth in Kajang has warned of a potential boycott of the by-election which must be called within six months.

Selangor PKR chief Azmin Ali has said that Lee's resignation was a "tactical move" to build momentum towards the Sarawak election and the 14th general election, which can be called as early as 2016.

'Kept in the dark'

Lim continue to maintain that he was kept in the dark until yesterday before the Pakatan meeting.

He added that DAP veteran leader Lim Kit Siang had attended the meeting on behalf of the party.

"As far as Kajang is concerned, we are still awaiting Anwar's explanation," Lim said, referring to the PKR supremo who is now overseas.

However, he stressed that DAP had no problems with Anwar's candidacy.

"As long as Pakatan exists, we will support a Pakatan candidate," Lim assured.

On PAS Youth's boycott, state PKR Youth chief Dr Afif Bahardin who was at the press conference said that this was not the view of the entire PAS party.

"The PAS Hulu Langat division has pledged their support for Anwar," he noted.

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