

Mat Sabu: PAS won't boycott Kajang campaign

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PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu says the party will not boycott the Pakatan Rakyat Kajang by-election campaign.

He said this despite acknowledging the strong views aired by Selangor PAS and its Youth movement yesterday, both of which lambasted the orchestration of the by-election by PKR.

"However, PAS will not boycott (the polls). I am here from PAS (to support PKR)," the PAS leader, widely known as Mat Sabu, said at a joint press conference with Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim.

The PKR de facto leader is slated to contest the Kajang state seat following incumbent Lee Chin Cheh's surprise resignation two days ago.

Mohamad, or better known as Mat Sabu, was also asked on comments made by Selangor PAS that the position of menteri besar is not exclusive to PKR. He replied that this is not the PAS position, but a personal opinion.

'A personal opinion'

"Rosmah (Mansor) also has her own opinion. I am from PAS, I did not say as such," he noted.

Mobbed by reporters outside, Mat Sabu said that the party is now concentrating on winning Kajang for PKR.

Mat Sabu stressed that the position of menteri besar was not discussed.

"We will discuss when the time comes," he added.

It was reported yesterday that the Selangor PAS Youth had threatened a boycott of its party machinery following Lee's resignation and Anwar's contesting for the seat. Selangor PAS also expressed its wish for the menteri besar post should Khalid be replaced, and even named its state commissioner and senior Selangor exco member Iskandar Samad to replace Khalid.

PAS and DAP each hold 15 state seats, compared to 14 owned by PKR before Lee's resignation.

Selangor DAP has stated today that it will support Anwar in contesting Kajang with state party chief Tony Pua saying that it will stand by a partner in need.

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