

## **MCA: 'Support pledge' to feed Anwar's insecurity**

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PKR's purported move to order its Selangor assemblypersons to sign a statutory declaration supporting its party president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail shows party de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim is fearful and insecure, said the MCA.

"This looks like one of PKR's 'world class leader' Anwar Ibrahim's strategy to weed out members within PKR who are either in support of or against him," the state Wanita MCA chief Ong Chong Swen (right) said in a statement today.

Earlier today, The Malaysian Insider reported that Selangor PKR assemblypersons have been ordered to sign a statutory declaration supporting Wan Azizah for the position of menteri besar.

The news portal claimed to have sighted a copy of the document, and quoted party insiders that the letter must be handed to Anwar by 10am today.

Ong pointed out that PKR has only 14 assemblypersons in the state, compared to 15 each for its two allies DAP and PAS. This means that Wan Azizah cannot be installed as menteri besar if the support for her is split.

"Hence, this explains his need to gauge the level of support for Wan Azizah (himself in reality), and thus prepare to consolidate his grip by forcing PKR (assemblypersons) to be loyal, albeit artificially to the 'royal couple' of PKR," she said.

Meanwhile, MCA Youth legal bureau chief Eric Choo said the incumbent Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim can only be legitimately removed through a motion of no confidence, or through dissolution of the state assembly.

This is because Khalid had come into office with the support of PAS and DAP assemblypersons as well as his PKR colleagues, he said in a separate statement today, in addition to the fact that PKR had won the last general election with a two-third majority from the people while under Khalid's administration.

He also said he sympathises with Khalid over the ongoing moves to replace him with Wan Azizah (right).

"As the saga continues to unfold, it appears that PKR had already decided to replace Khalid Ibrahim without any consideration of his contributions to the state of Selangor during his tenure, let alone to consult the menteri besar, in their haste to have Wan Azizah take over as the menteri besar," he said.

Separately, Federal Territories PAS Youth Wing (DPPWP) said it would support the Ulama Council's decision to back Khalid.

"Once again, DPPWP stresses that the daily efforts and propaganda to dislodge Khalid is clearly detrimental to Pakatan Rakyat and could hamper the state's ability to give the best services to the people," said its chief Khairil Nizam Khirudin today.

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