

'Khalid no longer has legitimacy to remain as MB'

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Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has lost his legitimacy to continue to be the Selangor menteri besar in view of his expulsion from PKR today, said party central committee member Sivarasa Rasiah.

He said according to the state constitution, the menteri besar must enjoy the support of the majority of the state's assemblypersons.

"From the legal view Khalid no longer has the majority in the state assembly, therefore it follows he doesn't have the majority and support in Selangor.

"In my view, he has no choice if the state assemblypersons ask him to step down," he said during a press conference today after the PKR disciplinary committee announced the party's decision to expel Khalid.

Disciplinary board chairperson Tan Kee Kwong said Khalid's refusal to uphold the party's decision to replace him with party president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the new Selangor menteri besar was the central reason for the decision.

Tan also listed a number of contributing factors including Khalid's refusal to abide by the Pakatan Rakyat leadership council's decisions on various key issues such as the water restructuring exercise, Selangor's pay rise and the Kidex highway.

His refusal to explain fully his Bank Islam loan settlement was also a contributing factor, said Tan.

To a question, Sivarasa said there is no change in the status of Selangor's exco members for now, but their respective parties may issue them with new instructions.

The following are a compilation of reactions from other political figures regarding Khalid's sacking:

Gobind Singh Deo, Selangor DAP deputy chief

I think it is a step in the right direction. Khalid was given every opportunity to defend himself.

There was due process. PKR has every right to discipline its members. I think this was a case which certainly, given the circumstances, warranted a sacking.

Tan Keng Liang, Gerakan Youth chief

Congratulations to YB Azmin (Ali) as the new deputy president of PKR. You just won it by default after sudden sacking of Khalid. Great move.

Faekah Hussin, Khalid's former political secretary

This is not surprising considering the momentum and their actions. We have expected this decision and have included it among the situations we have to prepare for.

Iskandar Abdul Samad, Selangor PAS chief and senior state exco

I have expected Khalid's sacking when PAS' central leadership postponed their meeting. Now I only await instructions from my party.

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