

Anwar gets DAP okay on MB, meets PAS next

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PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim has reached a consensus with DAP over the change of Selangor menteri besar and will meet PAS leaders next.

At the conclusion of the DAP meeting, the party said they support the replacement of Selangor MB Abdul Khalid Ibrahim with PKR chief Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

All 15 DAP state assemblypersons back the move, said the party, and have urged Khalid to step down gracefully.

Speaking to the press after attending DAP's central executive committee meeting today held to discuss issues surrounding the MB, Anwar (right) expressed his gratitude to DAP and said both parties have arrived at a consensus on the issue.

He said he will meet PAS president Hadi Awang and the Islamic party's leadership soon.

Anwar said the Selangor menteri besar crisis has to be promptly resolved to enable the state government to function effectively.

Therefore he urged Khalid to respect the decision of the majority as he has lost their confidence.

At the meeting today, DAP also celebrated the opposition leader's 67th birthday with a cake-cutting.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng added that despite losing Khalid, Selangor Pakatan still remains as the legitimate and stable government with the support of 43 state assemblypersons out of 56 state seats.

He urged Khalid to "resign gracefully" as he had lost the democratic mandate and legitimate authority to stay on as MB.

The party also decided its three state executive councillors remain until a new MB is appointed to ensure administrative continuity in Selangor, Lim (right) added.

When asked on the cooperation between DAP exco members and MB, who is not recognised by the party, Lim said, the party will await new developments.

Lim was referring to a meeting of the council of advisers to Selangor royalty to discuss Khalid's position.

"In the meantime, the exco members will continue as before because they represent Pakatan in the state government," he said.

'Need to move on'

PKR expelled Khalid yesterday for defying the party's decision to replace him as MB.

Khalid, who claimed sabotage by the party leadership, has described the decision to sack him as illegal and flawed.

He vowed to stay on as menteri besar until the issue resolves through proper procedures and conventions, particularly in accordance with the Selangor constitution.

Meanwhile when asked if Pakatan state executive councillors will resign en bloc from Khalid's state government, Anwar said, "Our position is very clear, we have to move on. I'll have to discuss with DAP and PAS."

DAP, that has claimed it will no longer acknowledge and work with a non-Pakatan MB, is considering having its three exco members resign.

PAS Youth urges members to be calm

Meanwhile PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat has urged Pakatan Rakyat to set up a crisis committee to deal with the ongoing situation.

"PAS Youth is very concerned that this will be manipulated by certain quarters for self interest by creating discord in the state and forcing a dissolution of the state assembly.

"PAS Youth urges that his conflict be resolved harmoniously through the Pakatan presidential council," he said in a statement today.

In the meantime, Suhaizan urged calm among his members and reiterated his commitment to a federal opposition coalition with PKR and DAP.

"Do not act on your own and worsen the ongoing crisis," he said.

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