

**PKR: Khalid's defence of 'flawed' sacking baseless**  
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Selangor MB Abdul Khalid Ibrahim's claim that his sacking from PKR was flawed is baseless, and an excuse to avoid addressing the key complaint of defying party instructions, said party vice president N Surendran.

"Khalid's claim of a flawed process is a desperate attempt to distract attention from his complete failure to explain his defiance of the decision of the party's central leadership council.

"His defiance has been public, blatant and intolerable," said Surendran in a statement today

He added the party had a right to discipline its members, and Khalid himself had sat in the judgment of several disciplinary cases.

"Is Khalid suggesting that the party has no power to discipline a member who defies the Central Leadership's decision?" he asked

"Ridiculously, he now feigns ignorance of the party's disciplinary provisions," he added.

In response to his sacking from PKR yesterday, Abdul Khalid charged the party failed to clearly specify his offence and the exact provision he had breached.

However, Surendran insisted that the charge was clearly stated in a show cause letter to him where it noted Abdul Khalid had defied the party's decision instructing him to resign as menteri besar.

"The disciplinary board in its decision found that on the above ground alone, Khalid deserved to be sacked.

'Khalid breached more rules'

"Beyond that the disciplinary board went on to note that Khalid has defied the party and Pakatan Rakyat council on various other matters as stated in the letter of the disciplinary board to Khalid dated Aug 7, 2014," he said.

The five listed issues were the Selangor water restructuring plan, the menteri besar's allowance hike, the business license hike, the Kinrara-Damansara Expressway (Kidex) (right) and Khalid's own out-of-court settlement of a RM66 million loan with Bank Islam.

Surendran added the disciplinary board can inquire and take action against any

misconduct by party members as provided in Part XI of the party constitution.

Abdul Khalid was summoned to explain himself to the disciplinary board on Aug 8 but did not turn up and instead sent a letter asking for a postponement to Aug 15.

Surendran rubbished Abdul Khalid's claim that PKR did not grant him due process by refusing to grant him the postponement.

"This was never a genuine or serious request from Khalid; having asked for the postponement in his letter of Aug 8, Khalid promptly issued a legal notice to the party on Aug 9.

"This in itself is a serious misconduct as under clause 44.1 of the party constitution (which specifies) no party member may take party matters to court," said Surendran.

The provision provides for an automatic sacking of a member if they were to take party affairs to court.

As such, Surendran said Khalid's claim of a conspiracy against him was "wild and outrageous".

"Having been expelled by his party, the proper, usual and constitutional course for Khalid is to announce immediately that he will hand in his resignation as menteri besar to the ruler at the first opportunity," he said.

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