

**Khalid: Sultan consented for me to stay on  
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Abdul Khalid Ibrahim today said the Selangor sultan has consented for him to stay on as the state's menteri besar despite his expulsion from PKR.

He announced this after meeting Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah at Istana Alam Shah in Klang this morning.

Speaking at a press conference at the State Secretariat building this afternoon, Abdul Khalid, who appeared upbeat, insisted that he still had the majority support of the state assembly.

Abdul Khalid said he had informed this to the Selangor sultan.

"Tuanku was satisfied with my explanation which I provided and therefore he consented for me to hold the Selangor menteri besar position," he said.

However, he did not indicate how he had convinced the monarch of his support.

"Until there are new developments, I will remain as Selangor menteri besar and conduct my duties as usual," said Abdul Khalid.

Abdul Khalid said if there were any quarters who do not believe he enjoyed the majority support in the House, they can seek an audience with the Selangor sultan.

"They can report it to the sultan. But for now, the sultan has not received any report that I do not enjoy majority support," he said.

He added that if any of his Pakatan Rakyat exco members cannot work with him, they may exit the state government.

Abdul Khalid was last Saturday expelled from PKR after he defied the party's directive to vacate his menteri besar post.

PKR, which has found it increasingly difficult to work with the lone wolf menteri besar, had wanted to replace him with its president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

DAP has backed PKR's bid to replace him, leaving PAS as the only dissenting Pakatan component party.

The PAS Syura Council, the Islamic party's highest decision-making body, had on Thursday

endorsed Abdul Khalid's continued tenure as menteri besar.

PAS is expected to decide whether the party will change its stance in its central committee meeting on Aug 17 following Abdul Khalid's expulsion.

Until then, the Syura Council's support for Abdul Khalid will stand.

Despite PAS' support, Abdul Khalid told reports he does not intend to join any other party, including PAS, until he has cleared his name.

Abdul Khalid added he has yet to consider whether to appeal his expulsion from PKR which was effective last Saturday. He has 14 days to do so.

"Before I consider, I need to clear my name from the allegations that have been made against me," he said.

PKR has questioned several deals by the state government under Abdul Khalid's administration as well as his capability in managing the state.

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