

PAS veep warns of risks of leaving Pakatan
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If PAS leaves the Pakatan Rakyat coalition, it may take another three decades for it to regain the position it is in now, warns its vice-president Husam Musa.

In a Facebook posting yesterday, Husam said this was his experience in PAS, having joined soon after the party left BN in the late 1970s.

“I joined PAS when it was on its own, having left the BN. I was young, and PAS looked like it had no future. It lost elections and was left with only two seats in Kelantan, although it was strong there...Now it is different, way better than before.

“Some say it is better for PAS to leave Pakatan, but I don’t know. I am no longer a young man, I have no time to go back, make mistakes and then correct them...

“(I) Believe that it will take 30 years to correct things and convince people to follow PAS again. For me, today’s situation (now) is far better,” the Salor assemblyperson said.

Speculation of a Pakatan break up, with PAS leaving the coalition, comes as the Selangor menteri besar crisis deepens.

PAS is the only party with representatives in the Selangor assembly which has yet to make a decision on whether to support embattled Abdul Khalid Ibrahim’s bid to remain as MB.

DAP and PKR, which sacked Khalid (left) on Saturday, said its 28 representatives will vote against Khalid and urges the MB to call an assembly sitting so a motion of no confidence can be called for him to prove he indeed commands majority support in the House.

Umno, which holds 12 out of the 56 seats in the House, said its representatives will vote for Khalid, after the Selangor sultan consented to Khalid remaining as MB.

PAS is expected to meet on Aug 17 on the matter, but Khalid yesterday said he believes he has the backing of the four PAS members on his executive council.

He also told the sultan he has majority support of the House, raising speculation that PAS’ 15 assemblypersons will vote in his favour if a no confidence motion is tabled

