

DAP: PAS must say if it's with Umno or not
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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said today PAS can no longer delay its decision and must declare whether it stands with Umno in supporting embattled Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

"Any delay in making this declaration is unacceptable because it does not measure up to the responsibility of the mandate of Selangor voters who returned 15 PAS assemblypersons in the 2013 general election.

"Can PAS' 15 assemblypersons say that they are together or not with Umno in supporting Khalid (left) as Selangor menteri besar?"

Lim warned that if PAS took the side of Khalid, it would lead to the disintegration of Pakatan.

"If PAS refuses to endorse a change of the Selangor menteri besar, by replacing Khalid with PKR's choice of its president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, this will immediately lead to a break-up and end of Pakatan, both in Selangor and nationally," Lim said.

Last Thursday, the Syura Council, PAS' highest decision-making body, decided to back Khalid to remain as Selangor menteri besar.

Whether PAS' stance will change depends on its central committee meeting on Aug 17. Until then, the Syura Council decision stands.

'PAS can no longer wait'

However, Lim said PAS could no longer wait until then, with Umno deputy president Muhyiddin Yassin's declaration yesterday that Umno's 12 assemblypersons in Selangor would support Khalid.

DAP and PKR, which have agreed to replace Khalid, have 28 assemblypersons, comprising half of the state assembly.

PAS, the sole dissenting member in Pakatan, may cause a hung assembly if it votes with Umno in a vote of confidence on Khalid.

Meanwhile, DAP national Youth chief Teo Kok Seong (left) reminded state assemblypersons from PKR, PAS and DAP that they were elected under the Pakatan coalition in the last general election.

"Do not forget that the rakyat voted in support of Pakatan and not BN," Teo said.

He said the decision of the assemblypersons on the Selangor crisis would be a litmus test for voters on whether their elected representatives respected the mandate given to Pakatan.

Last Saturday, PKR, which has found it difficult to work with Khalid, expelled him from the party for refusing to step down as menteri besar.

However, Khalid yesterday obtained the Selangor sultan's consent to stay on as menteri besar after claiming to have majority support of the House.

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