

## **Khalid sacks all DAP, PKR exco members**

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Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has sacked all DAP and PKR representatives from the Selangor executive council, widening the crisis in the state.

The move marks the collapse of the Pakatan Rakyat Selangor government, with the state executive consisting of Khalid (left), an Independent, and four PAS members.

"The exco members have signed and issued a statement, to show that they formed a bloc to undermine the exco.

"Therefore, I have written to the sultan to ask for the (six) exco members to not continue in their positions in the Selangor government," he said when met at state secretariat building in Shah Alam.

The sacking is effective immediately. The six out of the 10 exco members are:

DAP

Ean Yong Hian Wah - investment, industrial, new village development and eradicating illegal factories

V Ganabatirau - plantation workers, poverty and caring government

Teng Chang Khim - local government, research and development

PKR

Rodziah Ismail - welfare and women's affairs

Daroyah Alwi - health, entrepreneur development, science, technology and innovation

Elizabeth Wong - tourism, consumer affairs and environment

He said he has written to all to inform them of his decision, except for Rodziah who is overseas.

NST: Palace confirms sacking

According to the New Straits Times, Selangor palace sources confirm the sacking.

Article 53(7) of the Selangor constitution states that the exco members hold their office at the pleasure of the Selangor sultan.

The sacking comes after all six said they will keep their distance from Khalid except for

weekly meetings in a "transition" period.

DAP and PKR had instructed the six to not resign even though the parties do not support Khalid's bid to remain as MB.

Khalid's decision leaves the exco with only four members, all from PAS. They are Iskandar Abdul Samad, Ahmad Yunus Hairi, Halimah Ali and Sallehin Mukhyi.

According to the state constitution, only a minimum of four exco members are needed to maintain the Selangor government.

In immediate response, Wong said she did not receive the letter as she left her office at 5.30pm and learnt of this from the media.

"Shocking. First time in history this has happened, that majority of a state cabinet has been sacked via the media..."

"We will discuss later with the exco (members). Will keep everyone posted," she said in a text message to Malaysiakini.

Daroyah and Ganabatirau were also unaware, with the latter currently in Teluk Intan.

"So far no confirmation of receiving such a letter...I will stand by DAP's decision," Ganabitirau said.

DAP colleague Ean Yong, meanwhile, said his aide received the letter from the MB at "5-something" in the afternoon.

DAP will meet to discuss its next course of action, he said.

Selangor crisis today

12.37pm: PAS man Zuhdi Marzuki urges a 'unity government' in Selangor, involving Umno reps

2.19pm: DAP urges PAS to declare if it is joining Umno to support Abdul Khalid Ibrahim as MB

2.28pm: MACC confirms that it is investigating Khalid for corruption

4.25pm: DAP and PKR exco members says they will continue doing their jobs but will avoid MB

5pm: Sources say Anwar Ibrahim failed to convince Hadi Awang to accept Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as new Selangor MB

5.24pm: Palace confirms the Selangor sultan declines Wan Azizah's request for an audience

5.37pm: DAP claims that there are attempts to entice Pakatan reps to defect

6.40pm: Khalid sacks all six DAP and PKR exco members

8pm: Expert says MB has no power to sack exco

9.57pm: DAP and PKR urges PAS to boycott the exco in solidarity

10.21pm: The six sacked exco members vow to defy the sacking and go to work as usual.

10.30pm: PAS' Hulu Langat assemblyperson Saari Sungib urges PAS to join DAP and PKR against Khalid.

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