

## **Pakatan partners want PAS to boycott Selangor exco**

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PKR and DAP demanded today that the four PAS Selangor executive council (exco) members boycott the exco following the sacking of the six PKR and DAP exco members by Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said today PAS should stand in solidarity with DAP and PKR if it still "respects" the concept of a Pakatan government.

In a press conference at the PKR headquarters today, Lim said he has already called PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali to convey this message to the party's "top leadership" and to take steps to ensure that the PAS exco members do not attend the exco meeting tomorrow.

Anwar: No PKR or DAP member will jump ship

Lim asserted that Khalid's sacking of the state executive councillors was proof that he had "lied" when he told the Selangor ruler yesterday that the now independent menteri besar commanded majority support in the House.

"This sacking cannot be accepted. This goes against the basic principle of democracy and is unethical," Lim said.

He said Khalid should remember that he was made menteri besar on the support from Pakatan Rakyat parties and not because "his name is Khalid".

"I urge all the Pakatan Rakyat supporters to be calm. I know they feel confused and angry even, seeing how the state government is being played by one lone assemblyperson," he said.

Lim was accompanied at the press conference by PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim, who said PKR holds the same opinion as DAP, as well as DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang and PKR deputy president Azmin Ali.

Anwar affirmed at the press conference that he is "absolutely certain" no assemblyperson from PKR or DAP would jump ship or join the pro-Khalid faction.

"I'm absolutely certain. They are all here. The exco members are here and all the assemblypersons are upstairs (in the PKR meeting room)," he said.

PAS exco awaits central command

When contacted, exco member and Selangor PAS commissioner Iskandar Samad said that the PAS reps are awaiting instructions from central leadership.

"I have not received new instructions from the PAS secretary-general, so his Aug 10 instruction that we should attend the exco meeting still applies," he told Malaysiakini.

PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali on Aug 10 instructed the four PAS exco members to perform their duties as usual.

This is pending PAS central committee's meeting on the MB crisis on Aug 17.

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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