

Axed exco: PAS must choose MB or Pakatan

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Ean Yon Hian Wah, who was among the six state executive council members given the boot by Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim yesterday, has lashed out at PAS.

The DAP representative was livid that despite calls for PAS to boycott today's exco meeting, four of the latter's excos had arrived at the state secretariat building in Shah Alam.

Ean and two other sacked DAP excos, V Ganabatirau and Teng Chang Khim, also turned up at the secretariat, with the latter claiming that the Pakatan Rakyat state government has been "hijacked by an independent menteri besar".

Ean, on the other hand, accused PAS of not respecting the spirit of Pakatan and called on the Islamic party to convene an urgent meeting to discuss the presence of its excos.

Asked whether PAS should quit the opposition bloc, Ean said it was up to PAS to decide.

"They have to choose between supporting Khalid or Pakatan on this matter," he added.

The PAS exco members present were Iskandar Abdul Samad, Ahmad Yunus Hairi, Halimah Ali and Sallehen Mukhyi.

Ean also said it was "ridiculous" to have an independent candidate leading a Pakatan government.

"It is unconstitutional and politically immoral. Khalid should remember that the mandate given in the last general election was for Pakatan.

"Therefore, I request for him to step down immediately," he added.

'What protocol, Khalid?'

Meanwhile, Teng said he has some paperwork to do at the secretariat office and has an appointment scheduled with an investor.

He also questioned Khalid, who had said that the Sultan of Selangor had consented to the sacking of the six DAP and PKR exco members.

"Khalid always talks about protocol. I just want to know which protocol he had used in saying that our sacking was agreed to by the sultan," he added.

An equally vexed Ganabatirau termed the termination as flawed.

The exco member, who oversaw the plantation workers, poverty and caring government portfolio, said he received a phone call from a state official informing him of his termination and was told that he was not allowed to attend the exco meeting.

Selangor crisis today

10am: PAS exco members say they will resign if Umno assemblypersons are appointed onto the exco.

10.19am: Sacked exco members from PKR and DAP arrive at work as usual.

10.37am: Law expert Abdul Aziz Bari contradicts another expert Gurdial Singh Nijar, by saying that the sacking of 5 exco members is lawful.

10.48am: PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu urges party to side with Pakatan against MB Khalid.

12.27pm: PAS calls on PKR to name a new MB candidate, after the palace rejects Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail's request for an audience.

12.46pm: Sacked exco members are told to vacate their offices

1.48pm: MB Khalid says exco member from PKR, Rodziah Ismail, who is overseas, is not sacked as she may still support MB Khalid.

3.33pm: MB Khalid says he is not appointing new exco members from Umno, for now.

4pm: PAS MP Khalid Samad says while waiting for PAS' decision, the MB has 'enough rope to hang himself'.

5pm: MB issues legal letter to PKR secretary-general demanding apology for the 'corruption dossier'.

11.36pm: Rodziah says she does not support Khalid and will resign from the exco.

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