

PAS 'hears' palace rejected Wan Azizah

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The Selangor palace has rejected the proposal for PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to become the state menteri besar, according to what PAS has "heard".

In view of this, PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali (right) urged PKR to name a new candidate for the post.

Speaking to Sin Chew Daily, Mustafa said PAS "heard" that the Selangor ruler refused to accept Wan Azizah as menteri besar.

Yesterday, the Selangor palace in a statement said that the sultan of Selangor rejected granting Wan Azizah an audience because the ruler did not want to interfere in PKR internal politics.

Malaysiakini however reported recently that PAS might ask PKR to submit an alternative name as its MB candidate and not Wan Azizah, as the Islamic party is not fully behind the proposal to install Wan Azizah as the next MB.

However, he added, the rejection was not related to gender, drawing a comparison to what happened in Perak and Terengganu in the past.

Mustafa also said PAS would not compete with PKR for the post of Selangor menteri besar post despite having more state assembly seats because it has been decided by the Pakatan Rakyat coalition.

The report also said PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang had spoken to PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim about the suggestion of changing the MB candidate during their meeting in Terengganu.

However, Mustafa was tight-lipped on the details of the meeting between Hadi and Anwar.

He said what transpired at the meeting would be revealed on Aug 17, when the PAS central committee meets for a final decision on the imbroglio in Selangor.

Mustafa added that PAS would support current menteri besar Khalid Ibrahim as no instruction to the contrary had been issued by Hadi.

Despite PKR and DAP calling for Khalid's ouster, PAS continues to take a different stand and this has prompted speculation that Pakatan might break up.

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

3.33pm: 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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