

MB demands apology on PKR 'expose' on him
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Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has sent a letter of demand to PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution Ismail calling for him to retract and apologise for the release of a report on “why party president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail should be menteri besar”.

The 13-page letter of demand was sent by Khalid's lawyers from Bon Advocates on Monday evening and a copy was sighted by Malaysiakini today.

Khalid wants an immediate retraction from Saifuddin (left) on the claims made in the report and a written apology, failing which the sacked PKR member will initiate legal action.

He was sacked by PKR last Saturday for his refusal to heed the court order for vacate his post of menteri besar.

The report by PKR had criticised Khalid's handling of his Bank Islam loan case, the Selangor water restructuring exercise, the proposed Kinrara-Damansara Expressway (Kidex) and the garbage collection issues in the state.

Copies of the report were sent to PKR leaders, including de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim, Wan Azizah, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang, PAS spiritual adviser Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, and DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang.

Copies were also sent to the central leadership of the three Pakatan Rakyat member parties and elected representatives. The dossier was dated Aug 4.

More legal letters to come

Khalid complained that the dossier painted a picture of him being engaged in illegal means in settling the Bank Islam loan, involved in bribery, being of an unsavoury character, untrustworthy, dishonest, hypocrite, unethical, not fit to be the menteri besar and who abused his power for his own benefit.

It is understood more legal letters are to be sent by Khalid's lawyers. Yesterday, it was reported the menteri besar also filed a defamation suit against online news site The Malaysian Insider.

In an unrelated development, Khalid has allowed PKR to hold the party's annual congress at Stadium Melawati in Shah Alam from Aug 22 to 24.

“We allow (PKR) to have the convention at the stadium,” Khalid said when met by reporters in Shah Alam.

Khalid's clarification comes after there were claims in a pro-Umno blog that Khalid had acted to cancel the permission for PKR to use the stadium for the congress following his expulsion from the party.

PKR director of communications Fahmi Fadzil when contacted denied that permission for the use of the site was cancelled.

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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