

PKR, DAP local councillors may face the sack

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PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat has raised concerns that PKR and DAP members appointed to local councils in Selangor could be axed following the sacking of five PKR and DAP executive council members.

He urged the four remaining exco members - all from PAS - to block any move on this front.

“I understand there is a bid to sack all local councillors from PKR and DAP not due to competency issues but because of the latest policy of (Menteri Besar) Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

“I urge Selangor PAS not to support this proposal (as) we are concerned that this split (in Pakatan) will spread to the grassroots,” he said in Facebook posting yesterday.

Cautioning against “manipulation by irresponsible quarters”, he said that such instability could drive Selangor residents to push for dissolution of the Selangor assembly, prompting a state election.

PAS executive council members have opted to remain on the job, despite calls from their sacked colleagues to boycott the state cabinet in solidarity.

Rodziah will quit, too

Khalid said he had sacked the five because they issued a statement stating they would avoid him except for exco meetings in the transition period, thus showing they were working as “a bloc to undermine” the state cabinet.

PKR’s Rodziah Ismail, who was overseas when the other five were fired on Tuesday, has yesterday told Malaysiakini on arriving at the airport that she too no longer backed Khalid and will tender her resignation.

Khalid, who was expelled from PKR on Saturday for refusing to step down as MB, has obtained consent from the Selangor sultan to remain in the post.

He now governs Selangor with the minimum of four exco members - all from PAS - which is provided for in the state constitution.

The PAS exco members said they will remain in the post so long as Khalid does not appoint Umno assemblypersons to the executive council.

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