

## **Two PAS reps on board, Azizah claims majority**

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PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail has majority in the Selangor state assembly to become the next menteri besar after two PAS state assemblypersons expressed their backing for her.

PAS' Morib rep Hasnul Baharuddin (left) and Hulu Kelang rep Saari Sungib were both present at the Empire Hotel in Subang where Wan Azizah held a press conference this afternoon.

Support from the two PAS reps would mean that Wan Azizah now has 30 state assemblypersons backing her in the 56-member assembly, following all PKR and DAP assemblypersons declaring their support earlier.

On the other hand, current independent Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim can only obtain 26 votes in the state assembly if the remaining PAS assemblypersons and Umno assemblypersons support him.

"With this, I announce that 30 Pakatan Rakyat assemblypersons, including myself, have lost faith in Khalid as menteri besar.

"They (the assemblypersons) have also expressed their support for me to take over as menteri besar," said Wan Azizah, who is also the Kajang assemblyperson.

The Pakatan-held state is embroiled in a crisis with Khalid refusing to resign.

Meanwhile, Wan Azizah has also made a second attempt to seek an audience with Selangor ruler Sharafuddin Idris Shah after the palace rejected her first bid.

She said in her statement today that she had sent the letter today to inform the ruler about the majority obtained and to seek further advice from the sultan.

She said that she would also seek advice as to whether the Selangor assembly speaker would need to call an emergency state assembly sitting to determine the status of the menteri besar.

She urged Khalid to step down immediately as he no longer had the "legitimacy" to continue as the MB following the majority support.

"All the 30 assemblypersons have signed a statutory declaration and are present here in person to express their support," she said.

The names of all 30 assemblypersons were listed in the statement she sent out to the media today.

The first letter was signed by PKR de facto leader and her husband Anwar Ibrahim.

On Monday, the palace has consented to Khalid continuing as menteri besar.

Selangor crisis today

11.17am: Two PAS assemblypersons pledge support for Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as MB, giving her majority support of the House.

12:42pm: PKR exco member Rodziah resigns.

12.58pm: Exco member confirms that PKR, DAP S'gor councillors will not lose their jobs.

1.46pm: Khalid refuses to budge until a no confidence vote is called.

2pm: PAS Hulu Kelang rep Saari Sungib ready to leave party for Pakatan.

4.16pm: PAS gives pro-Wan Azizah reps 24 hours to retract stand or face action.

5.30pm: DAP claims Khalid may call snap polls in November.

5.42pm: Lim Kit Siang tells Khalid to resign for misleading sultan on majority support.

5.45pm: Law experts say no assembly sitting required to oust Khalid as MB.

11.24pm: PAS denies claims that it is rejecting Wan Azizah because she is a woman, but won't reveal its reasons.

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