

## **PKR, DAP Selangor councillors keep their jobs**

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The Selangor Economic Action Council (MTES) has decided to keep the services of PKR and DAP councillors across the state, despite Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim sacking six PKR and DAP exco members from his line-up.

Selangor exco member Halimah Ali confirmed the decision to the media earlier today.

“Yes, all councillors remain,” she said.

Councillor quotas which are yet to be filled will be opened to civilians through advertisements in the mass media soon.

Since the 13th general election, only 80 councillors had been appointed across nine municipalities in the state, despite a quota of almost 200.

'People's government'

In a statement later, Khalid said that he wants to give Selangor residents a chance to have direct say in the state's administration.

“To fill the 51 empty spots on the local councils statewide, MTES has decided to offer the posts to qualified Selangor residents.

“As such, the Selangor government encourages professionals and activists among Selangor residents to apply to be local councilors, to be part of the people's government,” he said.

Yesterday, PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat voiced concern over speculation of a movement to remove all PKR and DAP-nominated members from local councils.

Meanwhile, Khalid said that the issue of sacking PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim as the economic adviser in the state has not been brought up in the MTES meeting which concluded at around noon today.

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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