

Hard for PAS to regain trust of Selangor voters
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YOURSAY 'Even if Khalid is ousted, the damage cannot be repaired.'

'PAS giving MB enough rope to hang himself'

Dalvik: The whole episode has been ridiculous so far. Khalid Ibrahim is Selangor MB because of the Pakatan Rakyat coalition.

Now that he has lost the support of more than half of the exco as well as the coalition, on what basis is he holding on to the post?

How can a CEO for example, expelled from a corporation by the board of directors, still be managing the corporation?

Quigonbond: PAS Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad is a progressive leader and he's trying to play the mediator. Unfortunately, it's difficult, even if the ulama faction eventually back down, to trust PAS again in the future.

The coalition's discipline has been exposed to be so fragile that BN is going to have a field day whacking them until GE14.

Like I said before, religious and devout they may be, but political savvy and administrative knowhow to run a modern economy they are still found wanting.

Whatever the outcome, in a year's time, I hope the grassroots of PAS are awakened to the need to strengthen the progressive faction within PAS and once and for all relegate the ulama to a respectable advisory role which is where they belong.

Then the entire Pakatan machinery can focus on electoral reform and winning over rural folks with a single-minded message of change.

Wira: Khalid Samad, you belong to the so-called Erdogan faction of PAS. I know you are also disappointed with your party leadership on this delayed decision which is affecting the credibility of your party.

Most of us here have nothing against you. The decision to stay in partnership with Pakatan was made by the highest decision-making body of PAS. Your party even went to the extent of sacking Hasan Ali for harbouring motives detrimental to that partnership.

Today, the response from the top two leaders in PAS on the Selangor crisis has been a

major disappointment. Is PAS still for all?

Remember the numerous non-Malay kids wrapping themselves in your party's colour in Bersih 2 and 3? That kind of spontaneous display never happened before.

It appears like the two top PAS leaders have just stabbed a dagger into their young hearts. They, including the 51 percent who voted Pakatan in 2013, are losing hope in this country.

Changeagent: Sorry, Khalid Samad. I blame PAS for prolonging this debacle. It's not that your party is giving enough rope for Khalid Ibrahim to hang himself. Rather, you have given him enough rope to hang the whole Pakatan state government.

Why would PAS allow the situation to deteriorate to this deplorable level? Why undermine the Selangor voters' confidence in the Pakatan coalition? Are you trying to facilitate a transition back to an Umno-led state government?

And why is your central working committee only planning to meet on Aug 17 to discuss the crisis? Surely the situation is serious enough to warrant an urgent meeting.

So many questions for PAS to answer, yet all you do is maintain an undignified silence and continue to test the patience of the Selangor voters.

Appum: Giving enough rope for Khalid to hang himself is also giving PAS time to horse trade with Umno.

PAS has shown its true colours and it has damaged PAS' credibility amongst thinking people who followed this disgusting political charade.

Khalid Ibrahim, PAS and Umno have totally lost their political standing in the eyes of the Selangorians but sad to say they have even dragged the palace into this fiasco.

Ferdan: "By taking more time to make a decision, Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad said his party has given enough rope for Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim to 'hang himself'."

With due respect Khalid Samad, the same rope is long enough to hang PAS too. If PAS were to throw in its support to replace MB in the first place, nobody including MB would be hanged. There will not be a crisis.

Instead the damage has been done, unless the moderates in the party can come up with face-saving acts like censuring PAS' Syura Council and party president Abdul Hadi Awang for backing Khalid prematurely.

And not forgetting, sack or at least suspend former PAS central committee member Mohd Zuhdi Marzuki for his involvement in the controversial WhatsApp message.

Nothing short of that can convince the people that PAS is the party for them to support. It is

too unreliable. At least for PKR with its de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim around, warts and all, we know what to expect and its direction.

Pemerhati: Khalid Samad sounds reasonable when he talks about giving Khalid Ibrahim enough rope to hang himself.

Unfortunately PAS' earlier statements and behaviour have probably done severe and irreversible damage to its earlier close relationship with Pakatan allies.

Even if on Aug 17, PAS allies itself with PKR and DAP and it results in the ouster of Khalid, the damage cannot be repaired.

Perhaps all three parties should face reality and in future PAS should confine itself in a big way to the rural constituencies and contest in states like Kelantan, Kedah and Terengganu and PKR and DAP should only contest in the few urban areas of those states.

PKR and DAP, on the other hand, should contest in a big way in the more developed states like Perak, Selangor and Penang, and PAS could contest in a few rural areas in those states.

This would be the realistic thing to do as the people in the developed states are disgusted with PAS' behaviour and are unlikely to vote for it in future.

Doc: Frankly, I think PAS is being hung at the moment and the hangman is Khalid Ibrahim.

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