

## **'Selangor voters' confidence in Pakatan eroded'**

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The crisis over the post of menteri besar in Selangor has certainly eroded the people's confidence in Pakatan Rakyat, says independent pollster Merdeka Centre.

Its director Ibrahim Suffian (right) told Malaysiakini that the rakyat do not like the politicking that has been taking place in the state.

Asked what would Pakatan's chances be if a snap election is called in Selangor, Ibrahim said the opposition coalition's chances would be negatively affected.

"I don't know for certain how Pakatan's chances will be affected, but it will not be affected in a positive way.

"Also, a lot of people are still not clear about what is actually happening," he said.

Ibrahim believes the onus is on Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim to resign so that the crisis will not be prolonged.

He also confirmed with Malaysiakini that findings of a poll conducted by Merdeka Centre on the crisis will be out next week.

Several political analysts have said that Pakatan's chances do not seem bright if a snap election is conducted in Selangor.

Penang Institute fellow Wong Chin Huat (left) said at a forum last week that Pakatan would be destroyed as most people would not be bothered to vote.

Beleaguered Menteri Besar Khalid was expelled from PKR last Saturday.

After obtaining the consent of the Sultan of Selangor to remain as menteri besar, Khalid went on to sack five DAP and PKR executive council (exco) members, while retaining four PAS exco members. Later, another PKR exco member resigned.

Yesterday, PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ibrahim declared that she has majority support in the state assembly, with 30 assemblypersons in the 56-member legislature backing her as the next Selangor menteri besar.

Selangor crisis today

10.23am: Law experts say the sultan needs to appoint a new MB after 30 out of 56 Selangor reps pledge support for Wan Azizah

11am: The document by PKR detailing Khalid's alleged faults is distributed in Sarawak

12pm: An axed exco member accuses PAS exco member Halimah Ali of withholding funds for Chinese schools

12.47pm: Merdeka Centre says Selangor voters' confidence in Pakatan is eroded due to the crisis

3.21pm: PAS sources say party reps stayed on the exco to stop Umno from being appointed

4.19pm: Shoring up Wan Azizah, PKR reminds PAS that Islam does not look at gender

4.2pm: Anti-Khalid activists ties their hand to the Selangor secretariat building gate in protest

5pm: Although the syura council urges PAS leaders to back Khalid, its vice president Husam Musa tells the MB to resign

8.28pm: Khalid says dissolving the assembly is an option to an the end crisis

9.30pm: Selangor PAS sends report on pro-Wan Azizah duo to leadership for disciplinary action

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