

PAS to pay a high price for dragging its feet
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Pro-Azizah reps given 24 hours to retract stand

Abasir: "At least give us a choice, so we can select the best to serve the rakyat," said PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub.

So Salahuddin, you concede that Selangor MB Khalid Ibrahim has to be removed and replaced. Good.

But what is that big word you are using: Justice? Justice for who? Is it similar to your recent slogan 'PAS for All' which has really turned out to be 'PAS for Thoughtless Muslims Only'?

Why is it you and your self-styled 'gurus' cannot see the injustice rendered to the electorate who voted Pakatan regardless of party? Or is that irrelevant because PAS, the party of god, must triumph regardless of its lies?

Quigonbond: Salahuddin, I think you got the entire thing wrong. For Selangor, the convention is PKR gets to pick its candidate for MB, just like PKR/DAP never insisted on who should lead Kelantan or who should have led Kedah and Perak last time.

Your party speaks of convention, yet by asking Pakatan to give you a choice, you are in effect disrespecting that convention. If you are not with Umno, and you are not quite with PKR/DAP, where are you exactly?

As a lalang, you're not engendering a lot of goodwill for yourself and for Pakatan. This betrayal will be felt for some time and not easily forgotten.

I'd say that the two PAS assemblypersons - Saari Sungib (Hulu Kelang) and Hasnul Baharuddin (Morib) - are very courageous. If they are punished, there will be a price to pay for PAS.

Malaccan: PAS does not enjoy it when two of its members did the right principled thing. Is PAS mad that their blackmailing scheme backfired? How do PAS think DAP and PKR felt when their erstwhile partner sat out when their Aduns were removed from the state cabinet?

Sallahudin is a respected leader but he misunderstood when he said the decision must not be pushed down their throats. PAS have been in the know for months and they did nothing.

Their delay is a result of apparent politicking and their CWC (central working committee) meeting was postponed twice showing scant urgency and the lack of importance they place on the issue.

The damage is done and if they continue to want to keep their date sacred and inviolable, then they are welcomed to it. But they are in no position to ask others to wait patiently twiddling their thumbs while the Selangor government is ousted by a one-man wrecking crew.

Hasn't Khalid Ibrahim shown PAS leaders Nik Aziz Nik Mat and Abdul Hadi Awang enough of his character?

Headhunter: PAS must realise that Khalid cannot win this one in the long run. No matter how one look at it, Khalid is fighting a losing battle and his days as the MB are numbered.

Do PAS want to side with a loser? By then, Umno would also abandon him by the wayside.

Zen: PAS better be wary of anti-Islam and anti-Malay elements in their unholy coalition with DAP and PKR. These people are using PAS to vote them into Putrajaya.

They know that without Malay support they can go nowhere in Malaysian politics, except shouting in pasar malam and pasar borong.

So don't make the mistake of putting your enemy in a bunker where you can never defeat them. Halt their devilish strategy now for the sake of Islam and the Malays.

Retnam: Thank you Zen, for your comment. It represents how the majority of Malays are thinking. Democratic principles are not important or even necessary. What matters is the supremacy of Islam and Malays.

So the sultan will certainly do accordingly to stop DAP of PKR from continuing to rule Selangor. Ditto any other state in 'Tanah Melayu'.

Thanks for making things very clear. Possibly ROS (Registrar of Societies) will press criminal charges against Wan Azizah and put her in prison. Don't ask for what reason. There is no need for that. Just you watch.

Ferdan: Now I get it when MP Khalid Samad said about giving enough rope to Khalid to hang himself. He was not only referring to just Khalid but he could be referring also to the conservatives, the ulamas, in the parties.

The two PAS Aduns who supported Wan Azizah together with all PKR (with exception of MB of course) and DAP Aduns have the majority to take over the state stewardship.

PAS cannot afford to leave Pakatan as their grassroots, time and time again, had voted to remain in the coalition. It is not to their political benefit. However to the ulamas do you

think they care? No.

They are blockheaded and would not be bothered even if PAS were to split. So in this way, the Erdogans can flush out them out and let PAS members see the real culprits.

Only the ulamas and their supporters had been vocal, while the moderates have been politely quiet, save for the two brave PAS Aduns who sided with Wan Azizah.

I see this as a move possibly supported by PAS moderates before the key Aug 17 (tomorrow) meeting to deliver a fait accompli on who should be the MB - that is, if PAS is still with Pakatan.

It is easier for the moderates to explain/argue that with or without PAS endorsement, this new grouping with two PAS Aduns can form the government. That will leave the stubborn PAS leaders from the ulama camp with no option. Checkmate.

NewMalaysia: PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali, may I just ask what moral ground does PAS have to question those two assembly reps from PAS in supporting the PKR president as MB when they themselves support Khalid as MB who have already been sacked and no longer a member of Pakatan?

On one hand, PAS insists it is still part of Pakatan Rakyat coalition, but on the other hand, it supports Khalid who has openly question and insulted the existence of Pakatan.

Salahuddin, please respect the consensus of Pakatan. Like it or not, it has been agreed that the Selangor MB's post would be someone nominated by PKR.

Why purposely postponed your party's central working committee meeting twice despite the urgency of this matter?

Adsertor: It is in crisis, and when the very core of parliamentary democracy is threatened, that we know who are true to the values they professed and the promises they made.

PAS assemblypersons Saari and Hasnul are honourable leaders. They willingly sacrificed their political future to remain faithful to the mandate given to them by the people of Selangor.

Anonymous#007: Wouldn't it be more appropriate and politically correct for PAS to probe those who did not stand by the majority Pakatan decision for Khalid to step down, and resign when he breached his fiduciary and professional duty by sacking the DAP and PKR exco members simply because they did not support him?

Swipenter: The question is can a few good men/women in PAS salvage the "good" name of PAS. Probably not. The few good ones should show their contempt of their leadership and resign from PAS to join either DAP or PKR.

I am prepared to spoil my ballot paper come GE14 if it comes to a choice of either voting for PAS or Umno Baru as a sign of protest at the manner PAS is dragging its feet and playing its political game in the current Selangor MB crisis.

Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad, PAS is giving themselves enough rope to hang themselves. As for the other Khalid, he is what he is; a turncoat not unlike what PAS is doing to Pakatan.

Vijay47: What poetic justice. Khalid wanted to do a Perak in Selangor but instead, the two PAS Aduns did a Khalid on him.

PAS may be able to dance a few more years in Kelantan but its national image has been ripped to shreds and they will henceforth be known as one of the biggest cheats around. That is, biggest after Khalid.

Selangor should cancel the water deal, thereby giving DPM Muhyiddin Yassin a well-deserved kick on his large behind and in the same way, Kidex (Kinrara-Damansara Expressway) should also be called off.

As for Khalid himself, he can always join Umno. He has amply shown that he has the necessary qualifications for membership.

Angry_Voter: Khalid went against PKR but supported by PAS. Now they want to 'pecat' (sack) their own members who went against them. If that is not double standards, I do not know what is.