

Khalid complains to ROS, PKR risks deregistration

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Embattled Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has filed a complaint with the Registrar of Societies (ROS) against PKR for booting him out the party.

According to Utusan Malaysia, the complaint was filed through Bon Advocates, asking that the ROS to probe whether PKR's disciplinary committee and central leadership council had violated the party's constitution in doing so.

If the ROS finds that PKR had indeed violated its constitution, the party risks deregistration, claimed Utusan.

Lawyer New Sin Yew from Bon Advocates said Khalid had failed to obtain information from PKR on the disciplinary board members present at his hearing which he did not attend prior to his sacking.

"Under the PKR constitution, the disciplinary committee must comprise six people.

"We asked ROS investigate. If the numbers present were insufficient, then they have deliberately breached the party constitution," he was quoted as saying by the Umno-owned daily.

Furthermore, he said two-thirds of the central leadership council must also consent to the move for it to take force and this information was also not disclosed to Khalid.

He also insisted that PKR's sacking of Khalid last Saturday was flawed and illegal.

In response, PKR vice-president N Surendran said the disciplinary board that considered Khalid's case was "properly constituted" and the central leadership council decision to sack him was made unanimously.

"There were no breaches of the party constitution as alleged by Khalid, and as such absolutely no grounds for any action by the ROS, whether de-registration or any other action. The ROS must act professionally and independently, and dismiss this outrageous and mischievous complaint," he said in a statement today.

He also reiterated that the charges against Khalid has supposedly been laid out to him already and he was given a chance to explain himself, but Khalid responded with "angry and defiant letters" questioning the party's integrity.

"Despite this, he was given an opportunity to appear in person before the board; instead of

doing so, he employed delaying tactics including sending a legal notice to the party.

“Only after affording him all these opportunities, did the board proceed to deliberate on the charge against Khalid,” he said.

Khalid crosses the Rubicon

Meanwhile, DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang said in a statement today that it was clear since Khalid’s dismissal from PKR that he had already lost majority support.

“Be that as it may, the issue of Khalid’s expulsion from the PKR, whether it is valid or otherwise, is totally unconnected to the issue of the Selangor menteri besar - which is whether Khalid has lost the majority support in the Selangor State Assembly.

“Surely, no one is suggesting that even if Khalid is reinstated as a PKR member, he would be able to restore majority support in the Selangor State Assembly,” he said.

Lim added that although Khalid and his lawyers has the right to challenge the expulsion through the party or the court, he had “crossed the Rubicon” when his latest action through the ROS threatened PKR with deregistration.

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