

PAS exco: No need for Khalid to quit now
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There is no need for partyless Mentri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim to resign for the time being, said Selangor executive councillor Sallehen Mukhyi.

"We can't drag the rakyat into such a political crisis, into a situation where the state (administration) has to be stopped," he explained.

"If his resignation will only cause the rakyat to suffer, better wait until the sultan is back (from overseas)," he said when asked whether Khalid should resign.

Whatever decision to replace Khalid has to come from the sultan, who will be back on Aug 27, he said.

For the time being, Khalid can still perform his duty, making decisions and continuing the policies, he said.

The four PAS exco members will cooperate with Khalid, he said.

Yesterday, PAS became the last component party in Pakatan Rakyat to withdraw support for Khalid.

However, the party also instructed four of its exco members to remain in the state government under Khalid pending the sultan's return from overseas on Aug 27.

Meanwhile, Khalid cancelled today's monthly state civil servants meeting at the last minute "for unavoidable reasons".

In an email to the media at 7.40am, Abdul Khalid Ibrahim informed of the cancellation of the meeting at Dewan Jubli Perak in Shah Alam scheduled for 8am.

Khalid did not elaborate on the reasons for the sudden cancellation, saying, "...it has been cancelled for reasons that cannot be avoided".

"We apologise for any inconvenience," read his terse statement.

Selangor crisis today

11.14am: PAS exco member Sallehen Mukhyi says no need for MB Khalid Ibrahim to quit now.

12.25pm: Khalid cancels attendance at morning function at the last minute, prompting speculation that he was going to Budapest to meet the sultan

1pm: PAS' Sallehen maintains sultan is against Wan Azizah Ismail as MB

1.53pm: PAS central committee member Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad says presiden Abdul Hadi Awang's absence at Pakatan meet 'not silent protest'

2:35pm: Sultan tells Khalid not to meet him overseas but wait for him to return on Aug 27

3.33pm: A group protests against Wan Azizah as MB, citing her gender, competence and origin

6.32pm: Law expert Aziz Bari says the palace is defying the constitution if it rejects Wan Azizah

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