

**PAS leader urges against Khalid-bashing**  
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Selangor PAS deputy commissioner Siti Mariah Mahmud has urged all to cease open criticism against Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

In a bid to quell ongoing tensions in Pakatan Rakyat, Siti Mariah (left), who is also PAS central committee member, said Khalid's contributions to Selangor should not be overlooked.

"(He) was among the reasons Pakatan Rakyat won more than two-thirds of the Selangor legislative assembly," she said in a Facebook posting yesterday.

"Don't let it come to a point where we can't even look him in the eye - this ruins Islamic fraternity."

She said that a new MB will most likely be sworn in once the sultan returns from overseas, so it is best to stop the sniping including among Pakatan Rakyat parties.

"We should all work hard to regain the trust of the people. I hope to no longer hear intra and inter-party sniping be it in PKR, PAS or DAP," she said.

The urging by Siti Mariah, who is also deputy chief of the women's wing, comes after DAP parliamentary leader urged Pakatan parties to hold more meetings with each other to bridge the trust gap.

The crisis has driven a wedge between PAS and its partners, as PAS had initially thrown its support behind Khalid.

This exacerbated when PAS members on the Selangor executive council stayed on the exco, despite Khalid's decision to sack the PKR and DAP reps.

PAS's central committee went against PKR's decision to propose only PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (right) as replacement for Khalid.

Instead, the PAS committee suggested that Pakatan nominate both Wan Azizah and PKR deputy president Azmin Ali to the palace.

The Pakatan leadership council, however, decided that it will only propose Wan Azizah.

According to PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat, Azmin was mooted as a "middle path" following PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang's audience with the sultan, in anticipation of "any eventualities between the palace and Wan Azizah".

Suhaizan added that the PAS exco members are still on the exco to prop up the government until a new MB is sworn-in.

The Selangor constitution states that the exco must have a minimum of four members.

#### Selangor crisis today

11am: Selangor PAS deputy commissioner Siti Mariah Mahmud call for the MB Khalid Ibrahim-bashing to stop.

11.34pm: The Registrar of Societies issues a notice summoning PKR on Khalid's sacking from the party.

12pm: A coalition of NGOs says it will defend Khalid 'from the streets to the palace', so he can complete his second term.

12.57pm: Selangor PAS calls on its partners not to question PAS' commitment to Pakatan Rakyat.

1.45pm: PKR denounces circulation of a fake 'Kajang Move' document, alleging PKR's plans to siphon Selangor funds.

2.23pm: PAS exco member Halimah Ali admits that the main problem with Khalid is that he is tightfisted with state funds.

2.26pm: PAS leader Hanipa Maidin says it is 'nonsensical' to dissolve the state assembly as Dr Wan Azizah Ismail already has majority support.

4.56pm: MB's special officer Azrul Azwar Tajuddin lodges report on the 'fake' Kajang Move document.

5.20pm: State government sources say the sultan is expected to return to Malaysia on Aug 23, earlier than anticipated.