

PAS: We didn't discuss Azmin as MB with sultan
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PAS confirmed today that it did not mention PKR deputy president Azmin Ali's name as a possible choice as menteri besar during a July 31 meeting it had with the Sultan of Selangor.

Selangor state executive council (exco) member in charge of Islamic Affairs, Sallehen Mukhyi, said PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang and Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah did not have any discussion on Azmin.

"His name was not mentioned," Sallehen (right) told Malaysiakini when met in Shah Alam today.

Last Tuesday, PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat revealed that Hadi had met the sultan.

Following the meeting, PAS proposed that an alternative name be submitted to the Selangor palace, in light of any possibility that might occur between the palace and PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

Sallehen last Monday revealed that the palace had rejected Wan Azizah's name and confirmed that the meeting was the reason why PAS had not been in support of Wan Azizah.

"As we have explained before, we do not agree for Wan Azizah as menteri besar, not because she is a woman, but because we were informed by the palace that it does not accept her (as menteri besar)," Sallehen had said then.

Nevertheless, PAS on Sunday proposed two names to replace Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim - Wan Azizah (left) as well as Azmin.

However, at a meeting held later by Pakatan Rakyat, it was agreed that Wan Azizah's be the only name to be suggested to the sultan.

Azmin has agreed to follow the party's decision and in his statutory declaration expressed his support for Wan Azizah as menteri besar.

No decree by sultan

Meanwhile, Suhaizan clarified today that he did not mean that the palace had named Azmin or indicated that Azmin is favoured for the post of menteri besar.

"Any view saying so is not true... I hope this will clarify any confusion," Suhaizan said in a

brief statement.

Hadi's office also clarified that it was the PAS president, who initiated the audience, and not the sultan, as claimed by Suhaizan.

"We would like to clarify that Dato Seri Tuan Guru (Hadi) sought an audience with His Royal Highness on the fourth day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

"There has was no decree on the Selangor menteri besar issue," Hadi's political secretary Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar said in a statement.

Selangor crisis today

9.14am: DAP Youth leader says columnist Ridhuan Tee Abdullah must apologise for suggesting Selangor will be 'darul babi' if MB Khalid Ibrahim is removed

9:48am: PAS rep Saari Sungib says he signed the statutory declaration primarily to reject the incumbent MB, but not to support PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as widely perceived

12pm: Sinar Harian speculates that PAS has a good chance of getting MB post, if the ruler rejects Wan Azizah or other PKR reps

12.39pm: PAS exco man Sallehen Mukhyi says president Abdul Hadi Awang didn't discuss PKR's Azmin Ali as MB, with sultan in July 31 meeting

2.55pm: MB crisis will hurt Pakatan in polls, but win expected, says DAP's Bukit Gasing rep

3.34pm: Selangor PAS reiterates that they are not interested in the MB post as it belongs to PKR

4.29pm: MB's lawyer denies claim by his aide that his debt was settled via a Middle Eastern bank, PAS MP Khalid Samad says

5.15pm: Sources close to MB says dissolution of the assembly will be one of the options put forth to the sultan

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