

Umno leader labels PAS a 'chameleon in fear'

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Umno continues to launch salvos on PAS for supporting PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to be the next Selangor menteri besar.

The latest bombardment came from Umno supreme council member Irmohizam Ibrahim who likened the Islamic party to a "chameleon which changes colour out of fear when threatened".

He said this is the reason why PAS kept changing course, from championing the establishment of an Islamic state in the past to the setting up of a welfare state now.

"It is possible that PAS will once again change their struggle when pushed by the PKR and DAP leadership," Irmohizam (left) was quoted as saying in Umno Online.

"This is why in the Selangor MB issue, PAS changed its backing in favour of Wan Azizah despite stating earlier that it fully supported Khalid Ibrahim (the incumbent menteri besar).

"PAS' struggle has gone off course and it is becoming increasingly difficult to see and gauge what PAS is fighting for. They have no stand nor voice even in their own party," he added.

Irmohizam said the attitude of PAS leaders, who followed the orders of PKR and DAP, has raised doubts about the party's future.

"Do they wish to continue being used as a tool until it leads to destruction? They should be firm and brave in showing that PAS has a stand," he added.

Irmohizam also expressed concern that the ulama (religious scholars) in PAS are mere window dressing and not dominant in the party.

"Where is PAS' slogan of championing an Islamic state? As someone with the same faith, I am saddened by what is happening in PAS.

"They are portraying as if Islam is weak and can be manipulated," he added.

PAS has denied making a U-turn on the menteri besar issue since its syura council had voiced support for Khalid before he was sacked from PKR on Aug 9.

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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