

## **Selangor DAP mulls need for Pakatan's existence**

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Frustrated with PAS over its twists and turns over the political imbroglio in Selangor, the state DAP is pondering the need for Pakatan Rakyat's continued existence.

The matter was briefly discussed during an emergency meeting of the Selangor DAP last night.

Speaking to Malaysiakini, Selangor DAP chief Tony Pua (right) said: "When PAS refuses to honour its promises, and stubbornly refused to back the president of our fellow coalition partner as the new MB, perhaps it is time to reflect and ponder over the continued purpose and existence of the coalition."

However, Pua added, no conclusive decision was made on this issue.

He was referring to the PAS meeting yesterday, where it was decided that the party would allow the sultan to pick a candidate to replace current Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

On Aug 17, the PAS central committee decided to nominate PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (left) and her deputy Azmin Ali for the post.

In 2001, DAP quit the then opposition alliance Barisan Alternatif after its top leaders crossed swords with PAS over the latter's Islamic state agenda.

Both these parties have often found themselves at loggerheads over their diametrically opposed ideologies.

Selangor crisis today

11.50am: Fearing snap polls, DAP reveals that it discussed the possibility of a Pakatan break up in an emergency meeting last night

2.39pm: Selangor sultan has an audience with Khalid

3.33pm: PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang's office denies that he had offered PKR deputy president Azmin Ali the MB post if Azmin backs a PAS-Umno unity government.

4.42pm: Palace accepts Khalid resignation as MB, pending appointment of a replacement. The ruler also asks for more than two MB nominees each from each Pakatan party.

5.57pm: Selangor PAS says sultan's decree for multiple candidates in line with Abdul

Hadi's view.

10.29pm: PKR and DAP say they will only submit Wan Azizah's name as in 2013 , the palace sought four names and was given only one.

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