

'Hadi did not favour Azmin over Azizah'

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PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu has denied that party president Abdul Hadi Awang had insisted that PKR deputy president Azmin Ali becomes the next Selangor menteri besar.

Hadi did not want Azmin, instead of PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

As such, claims that the party's central committee members had shot down Abdul Hadi's position on Azmin is untrue, he said.

Instead, he said yesterday's meeting abided by the decision made at the previous PAS central committee meeting, as well as that made at the Pakatan Rakyat leadership council meeting on Aug 17.

"No, no, no. The decision we made yesterday was same as the decision made by the party and Pakatan on Aug 17. I signed the Aug 17 press statement," Mohamad told members of the press at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex at Jalan Duta today.

He was commenting on reports that the central committee was split between those siding with Abdul Hadi, who allegedly favoured Azmin, and those who sided with PKR's stand of naming Wan Azizah as the sole nominee.

No need for SDs

When asked on the 13 state assemblypersons who did not sign the statutory declaration to support Wan Azizah to become menteri besar, Mohamad said that that was not required as PAS had declared its support towards Wan Azizah.

"No need, our party had declared support, it is not needed anymore," he said.

Yesterday, PAS' central committee had agreed to leave it to the Selangor sultan's wisdom and consent in determining the Selangor menteri besar position, without a clear endorsement of Wan Azizah (right).

PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali stated that the remaining 13 PAS state assemblypersons in Selangor will not sign statutory declaration to support Wan Azizah.

The Malaysian Insider, quoting an unnamed source, reported that Hadi told the meeting that he had offered Azmin the menteri besar post if PAS forms a unity government with Umno.

Azmin Ali's office, however, denied this while central committee members have declined to comment.

Wan Azizah, has obtained the support from 30 assemblypersons, including two PAS reps, giving her command of majority support of the state assembly to become MB.

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.