

PAS: Palace decree in line with Hadi's views

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The statement from the Selangor palace asking for two nominations for the post of menteri besar from each Pakatan Rakyat party is "very consistent" with PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang's views, Selangor PAS said.

"(Hadi's) views are very consistent with His Royal Highness the Sultan's decree, and we are confident that the people of Selangor also welcome the decree.

"In line with that, Selangor PAS is confident that the menteri besar candidate that will be submitted by each party will be acceptable to the palace," Selangor PAS secretary Khairuddin Othman (right) said in a statement today.

Meanwhile, Selangor DAP chief Tony Pua told Malaysiakini that his party is in midst of scheduling a meeting to decide its next move.

PKR, meanwhile cancelled a press conference on the matter scheduled for 8.30pm, and will issue a press statement instead.

The palace's decision to ask for "more than two names" from the Pakatan parties throws a spanner in the works in PKR's plans to only nominate PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

DAP has supported PKR's decision to nominate only Wan Azizah, but PAS yesterday said it will not nominate anyone and leave it to the sultan's wisdom.

This came after a "heated" discussion among the PAS central committee over whether to nominate only Wan Azizah or stick to its Aug 17 decision to also nominate PKR deputy president Azmin Ali.

Earlier PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat said PAS came up with the double-option decision on Aug 17 after Abdul Hadi had an audience with the sultan.

However, Abdul Hadi's office clarified that Azmin's name was not raised the PAS president's audience with the sultan on July 31.

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 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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