

## **Gerakan: Insisting on Wan Azizah will prolong crisis**

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Gerakan today urged PKR and DAP to stop insisting on nominating only PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail for the Selangor menteri besar post, as it will only prolong the crisis.

Its youth chief Tan Keng Liang (left) said this is as that the parties have already reached their goal of unseating incumbent Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, when Khalid informed the palace of his intention to resign on Tuesday.

“There’s no benefit to the rakyat in Selangor for PKR and DAP to insist Wan Azizah as the sole candidate for the menteri besar post,” he said in a statement yesterday.

He said that if the two parties are sure that Wan Azizah is the best person for the job then they should not worry about the sultan not choosing her among the names submitted.

“Surely, the Sultan Selangor would choose the best candidate to govern Selangor,” he said.

Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has asked all Pakatan parties to submit “more than two names” each for him to choose from based on what the monarch claimed was “conventional” practice.

However, PKR and DAP on Tuesday said they will only submit Wan Azizah’s name as planned as in 2013, the sultan asked for four names but was only provided one.

PAS has yet to decide on whose name it will submit, but secretary-general Mustafa Ali said the party will send “no less than two names”.

'PAS only using partners'

Meanwhile, MCA Federal Territories’ publicity bureau chairperson Lau Chin Kok in a separate statement said that the crisis had shown that PAS is a “chameleon”.

“The people should re-evaluate PAS now that the whole episode of the Selangor menteri besar saga has exposed their true colours as none other than political opportunists.

“DAP should also stop window-dressing for PAS, who had betrayed them many times already,” he said, adding that DAP is being used by PAS to win non-Malay voters.

Selangor crisis today

8.28am: Gerakan urges PKR and DAP to not insist on Wan Azizah as it will only prolong the

crisis and their goal to unseat Khalid has been reached

12.58pm: Anwar urges PAS to respect the Pakatan leadership council's Aug 17 decision to only nominate Wan Azizah

1pm: Umno MP Shamsul Anuar Nasarah says the crisis is prolonged because Pakatan has no direction

2.46pm: Former MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek says Anwar will control Selangor if Wan Azizah is MB

4.26pm: Law professors say acceding to the sultan's decree for multiple candidates will put the sultan in a tight spot as only Wan Azizah commands majority support

5.30pm: PAS snubs Anwar's appeal that PAS submit only Wan Azizah's name, and will include PKR deputy president Azmin Ali's name, too

6.15pm: After PAS says it doesn't want to force the sultan to choose Wan Azizah, PKR points out that PAS didn't mind forcing the palace in 2008 and 2013

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