

Umno MP: Pakatan a pact of personal interests

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The reason behind the political imbroglio in Selangor is the unclear direction of Pakatan Rakyat and respective party interests, says Umno MP Shamsul Anuar Nasarah.

"In the Selangor menteri besar crisis, each Pakatan party appears to have an interest and no common direction, so they cannot find a middle ground to solve the issue.

"This is because there is no clear policy, principle or philosophy. What remains clear is the efforts taken to achieve the objective of certain quarters," Shamsul (left) told Umno Online.

In other words, the Lenggong MP said, PKR, DAP and PAS are not working towards the success of Pakatan's objective but rather for their respective party interests.

Shamsul said it could also be concluded that the crisis has shown opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim's failure in leading Pakatan.

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'I can conclude that Anwar has failed to lead (the coalition). And what is obvious is that the things they have accused Umno of doing. They are the ones doing them now, like practising cronyism and nepotism.

"One by one, their weaknesses are exposed to the rakyat. The reality of what Pakatan is all about is in question now. Is this what they call a pact?" Shamsul asked.

The political infighting between PKR and PAS become evident with the leaders of both parties blaming each other over issues, including the menteri besar crisis in Selangor.

PKR was also reported to have slammed Kelantan PAS for wanting to be given the Pengkalan Kubor state seat to be given to the Islamic party to contest in the coming by-election, following the death of assemblyperson Noor Zahidi Omar of Umno.

Meanwhile, Terengganu PAS commissioner Satiful Bahri Mamat had asked PKR not to shift the blame to PAS following PKR's poor performance in the state in the last general election.

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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