

**Rafizi wants PKR reps besides Azizah to decline**  
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PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli today congratulated newly-elected PKR youth chief Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad for declining PAS Youth's suggestion to nominate him for the Selangor menteri besar post.

Rafizi also lauded Nik Nazmi's (left) statement calling on all PKR Selangor assemblypersons from the party to do likewise through open statements.

This would be in line with the party's "unanimous decision" on Wan Azizah, Rafizi said.

"As such, I call upon all assemblypersons from PKR to make an open statement to reject any nomination for the post of menteri besar by any party as a means to respect the PKR leadership decision," he said.

The call follows the Selangor palace's request for Pakatan parties to submit more than two names for the post, and PAS' insistence that it would put up at least two from PKR for the post.

While Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has finally tendered his resignation after failing to get the support of the majority of the state assemblypersons, the crisis is far from over.

This is due to PAS' shifting stand on Khalid's replacement, despite a consensus agreement being reached at a Pakatan leadership meeting on Aug 17.

While the outcome of the meeting was that Wan Azizah will be the sole candidate from Pakatan to be proposed to the palace, the sultan's request for multiple names has put PAS at odds with its coalition partners.

Nik Nazmi: Thanks but no thanks

Earlier today Nik Nazmi said he was grateful that PAS wants to nominate him soon as possible as Selangor menteri besar but he remains committed to supporting Wan Azizah's nomination.

"I wish to express my gratitude to PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat for putting up my name as a candidate for the Selangor menteri besar post

"However, I repeat my stand from early on that I will fully support the candidate that PKR has decided upon, that is our president..." Nik Nazmi said in a brief statement today.

He was responding to a report in The Star yesterday that Suhaizan (left) suggested Nik Nazmi as a candidate owing to his experience as Khalid's former political secretary.

"Pakatan Rakyat should consider Nik Nazmi as an alternative, irrespective of the names they choose to submit to the sultan," Suhaizan was reported as saying.

The report also quoted Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad as saying Wan Azizah's name is on PAS' list and there was no issue with her being the menteri besar, barring the palace's rejection.

Khalid was reported as saying the Selangor PAS liaison committee members would be holding a meeting to further discuss the issue.

#### Selangor crisis today

9.17am: PKR strategic director Rafizi Ramli lauds PKR's Seri Setia rep Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad for declining PAS Youth's proposal of Nik Nazmi as MB, and urges PKR reps other than Wan Azizah to do so

11.41am: Selangor PAS denies an Utusan Malaysia report that it had proposed four of its assemblypersons to the PAS central leadership as MB nominees

11.42am: The Star, quoting palace sources, says the sultan is not keen on Wan Azizah as she would be a 'remote controlled' by others

4.29pm: PKR's Sri Muda rep Shuhaimi Shafie flays Rafizi for questioning PKR Selangor assemblyperson's loyalty