

All lose if PAS quits Pakatan, warns PAS man
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The Selangor crisis, ignited by the PKR's move, has threatened to scorch ties in the opposition bloc Pakatan Rakyat.

PAS has been drawing the most flak for offering contradicting stands on whether it supported PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to be the next Selangor menteri besar.

On the social media, PKR and DAP supporters have been calling on their parties to sever ties with PAS.

But a respected former PAS information chief warned that a divorce would affect all parties in Pakatan.

Subky Latif (right), whose Harakah writings are considered influential in PAS circles, also claimed that apart from unseating incumbent Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim, the 'Kajang Move' is also targeting PAS.

"What has dimmed Pakatan's chances is not because PAS wants to leave Pakatan but the misstep of the 'Kajang Move' which has become a move to isolate PAS from Pakatan," he penned in his latest column published in Harakahdaily.

Subky also pointed out that PAS realised the importance of non-Malay votes even before Anwar Ibrahim went to primary school.

He also recalled how Anwar, during his tenure as deputy prime minister, had worked with his ex-boss Dr Mahathir Mohamad to "sabotage" PAS' efforts to reach out to Chinese voters.

"The founder and first leader of PAS Ahmad Fuad had reminded the party to take into consideration the presence of non-Malays in Tanah Melayu.

"Prof Zulkifli Mohamad, the deputy to (late PAS president in 1956) Burhanuddin al-Hilmy, had proposed that PAS open its doors to non-Malays but this was not successful," he said.

"Before Pakatan, when Anwar was still in Umno, PAS had looked for a way to mend ties with DAP but there was no room.

"When the Chinese community opened their eyes to PAS and was willing to be with the party in the 1996 polls, Mahathir and Anwar sabotaged the PAS approach until the Chinese community's inclination towards PAS was destroyed," he added.

Subky also noted that PAS brought DAP leader Lim Kit Siang to its headquarters in Taman

Melewar even before Anwar and his wife Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail set foot there.

Apart from this, he said PAS also joined DAP in forming the Gerak movement, which organised large gatherings nationwide to protest Anwar's incarceration after his sacking in 1998.

"Thanks to Pakatan, PAS likes the DAP Chinese and Indians, while DAP likes PAS because PAS can take DAP leaders to meet the Malays in the villages.

"If DAP and the Chinese do not like PAS, PAS however will continue to like the Chinese and Indians as well as DAP," he said.

"From the onset, PAS has never budged from Pakatan. It is only that PAS' friends in Pakatan have never helped PAS to really bridge the differences," he added.

In view of this, Subky said if PAS withdrew from Pakatan, PKR and DAP, too, would lose seats.

Without PAS at its side to bring in the Malay votes, he claimed that DAP might have to wait for another 50 years to become a 'Malaysian Malaysia' party.

"By then, not only Kit Siang would have passed on, but (his son and DAP secretary-general) Lim Guan Eng as well.

"And what would be 'brother' Anwar's loss? Will he pass away without becoming prime minister?" he added.

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