

PKR receives letter from palace

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PKR today received a letter from the Selangor palace, believed to be a reply to its menteri besar nomination.

"Yes, we received a letter today," PKR's communications director Fahmi Fadzil told Malaysiakini when contacted at about 8pm.

PKR's secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution (right) later issued a statement on the letter, but retracted it saying the statement's content is not finalised.

The party is expected to send a revised statement tomorrow.

However, hours before the statement was issued, sources close to PKR leadership told Malaysiakini that the palace had sent a brief letter reiterating its instructions that PKR nominate "more than two" candidates.

The sultan had before this instructed all three Pakatan Rakyat parties submit "more than two" candidates each by today.

PKR and DAP had submitted only PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail's name while PAS nominated Wan Azizah (left) and PKR number two Azmin Ali.

When contacted, Selangor DAP chief Tony Pua said he is unaware of any letter from the palace to DAP.

PAS secretary general Mustafa Ali could not be reached.

The call for candidates was made after incumbent Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim informed the palace of his intention to resign.

This was after 30 out of 56 Selangor assemblypersons pledged support for Wan Azizah as menteri besar.

Khalid was sacked from PKR after refusing to make way for Wan Azizah to be MB.