

## **PAS admits it nominated own MB candidate**

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PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali today confirmed that the party had sent its own candidate's name, together with two names from PKR, for the Selangor menteri besar post to the palace.

He, however, declined to reveal the names of the candidates, reports PAS organ Harakah Daily today.

This is, however, contradictory to PAS' claims that they respected Pakatan Rakyat's consensus for the state to be led by a PKR candidate.

The palace previously instructed each of the Pakatan parties to submit more than two names but PKR and DAP, citing convention, said they would only propose PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

Meanwhile, a source close to PKR deputy president Azmin Ali said he was in the dark over the matter.

"All we know is that PAS sent three names and had nominated Azmin, Wan Azizah and Iskandar," he said.

The Star Online today reported that PAS had reportedly submitted the names of three of its own state executive councillors to the palace.

Quoting sources, the report said the three are Selangor PAS chief Iskandar Abdul Samad, Sallehen Mukhyi and Ahmad Yunus Hairi. The trio are all state executive council members.

PAS denies Star report

However, a senior PAS leader, who declined to be named, told Malaysiakini that the daily's report is untrue.

Separately, Iskandar stressed that Selangor PAS did not nominate anyone among its ranks for the post.

"I know nothing of this new development (the Star Online report). I just found out (about it) through the news," Iskandar (right) told Malaysiakini.

It appears that many PAS leaders are in the dark over the matter.

Selangor PAS secretary Khairuddin Othman told the portal that PAS only sent one

nomination letter to the palace, and the party did not nominate anyone from PAS.

"Where did The Star get its facts?" he asked.

Selangor exco member Ahmad Yunus also said that he has no information about his so-called nomination.

In recent weeks, the contradicting stands on the issue taken by PAS have strained ties with its Pakatan allies.

It initially decided to propose Wan Azizah and Azmin, but a few days after decided it would not nominate anyone, after failing to get consensus among the central committee members.

It then reverted to the two names after the sultan decreed that each party name "more than two" candidates.

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