

Palace reprimands PKR for disobeying sultan

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The Selangor palace has reprimanded PKR for "not abiding" with the sultan's decree by submitting a single name for the menteri besar post, party insiders said today.

The reprimand was issued in a letter sent by the palace to the PKR headquarters yesterday.

"It (the letter) was to acknowledge that the palace had received the name of (PKR president) Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the possible candidate for the MB post, but it was also a letter to reprimand the party for not sending two other names.

"The letter also implied it has no objection to Wan Azizah (becoming menteri besar) but they want two other names," the party insider said.

The first press statement after the visit from palace officials yesterday, released by PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, was hastily retracted.

However, it did not mention anything regarding the royal reprimand.

Previously, the palace had requested that each of the three Pakatan Rakyat parties submit more than two names for the post.

However, PKR and DAP insisted on only nominating Wan Azizah, arguing that it was in line with convention.

There were also reports claiming that the palace was not favourable to Wan Azizah on grounds that she would be a menteri besar "remote-controlled" by her husband Anwar Ibrahim.

When contacted, Selangor DAP chief Tony Pua told Malaysiakini that the party had not received such a letter.

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