

Palace accuses PKR and DAP of 'defiance'

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The Selangor palace has accused PKR and DAP of "insolent and defiant" acts for refusing to submit more than two names to the sultan as candidates for menteri besar as requested.

The Selangor sultan's private secretary Mohamad Munir Bani (left) said in a statement this morning that only PAS had complied with the ruler's request.

"The Selangor sultan is deeply saddened by the action of DAP and PKR, which went against his highness' decree on Aug 27.

"The action of DAP and PKR reflects insolence towards the royal institution and is a defiant act (tindakan derkaha) against the Selangor sultan," he said.

Munir said PAS was the only party which had obeyed the sultan's decree by submitting three names to the palace.

At the Pakatan Rakyat leadership meeting on Aug 17, it was decided to put up PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the replacement for Selangor MB.

Wan Azizah also collected 30 statutory declarations from Pakatan Selangor assemblypersons during the tussle with incumbent Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, who at the time had refused to resign, claiming to hold the majority in the 56-seat state assembly.

However, Munir said that majority support of a state assemblyperson is not the sole criteria for the sultan's consideration in appointing a menteri besar.

In line with the Pakatan decision, both PKR and DAP had submitted Wan Azizah as their sole candidate to the palace.

On the other hand, the PAS central committee had decided to endorse Wan Azizah as well as her deputy, Azmin Ali.

However PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang overruled the central committee and unilaterally submitted three state assemblypersons of his choice, two from PKR and one from PAS.

The list omitted the names of both of Wan Azizah and Azmin.

