

Act wisely, Penang PKR Youth urges party leaders
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Penang PKR Youth has called on Pakatan Rakyat leaders "to act thoughtfully and wisely" to resolve the Selangor menteri besar crisis in the wake of the Selangor sultan's public rebuke of the party and its ally, DAP.

State PKR Youth chief Dr Afif Bahardin said this was necessary to maintain the strength and stability of the reformasi agenda, so that the struggle for people's empowerment could continue.

Afif went on to back the call of the party's deputy president, Azmin Ali (right), to all PKR leaders and members to remain calm and not act rashly to worsen the situation.

"Pakatan and PKR members must remain committed and stand strong with PKR leaders to face this latest crisis in Selangor," Afif said in a statement.

He was referring to the recent episode where the Selangor ruler said he was "deeply saddened by the "insolent and defiant" acts of PKR and DAP in refusing to submit more than one name for the post of Selangor menteri besar.

The palace views their acts as going against the sultan's decree issued on Aug 27.

PAS has broken ranks with its Pakatan allies, obeying the sultan's order and has submitted three names for the post.

However, DAP and PKR have insisted that PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail replaces Abdul Khalid Ibrahim as the new Selangor MB.

DAP today apologised to the sultan. Its secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said in Penang that he would not comment further on the issue, other than his remarks as detailed in his statement.