

Kajang Move bites Anwar back, says Chandra
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The Kajang move initiated by Anwar Ibrahim to depose Selangor menteri besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, has trapped the PKR de-facto leader, says Chandra Muzaffar.

Chandra, a former Keadilan deputy president, said this followed Khalid defending himself with his image as an MB who managed the state's finances well without corruption.

“Secondly, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang and the Ulama wing had rejected PKR's move to support Anwar's wife Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the new MB.

“Finally the wisdom of the Selangor sultan, in abiding with the various rules and protocols in appointing the new MB as in the state constitution, is seen as upholding the concept of constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy,” said Chandra.

Speaking to Utusan Malaysia in an exclusive interview, Chandra (right) said Anwar's persistence had led to PKR and DAP nominating Wan Azizah solely.

“His stubbornness in this matter could be related to his bigger personal political agenda. There is something hidden.

“From the start Anwar practises nepotism. However, he has criticised nepotism. He does not practise what he preaches. This is Anwar's political characteristic,” he said.

Asked on the apology by DAP and PKR to the monarch, Chandra told the Umno owned daily that PKR and Anwar have to understand the sultan's power to appoint the MB is part of the democratic process and going against it is seen as going against democracy.

Factionalism in PAS

Chandra also commented on the factionalism in PAS where the existence of two big groups within the party leadership is something that could not be denied.

“It remains to be seen whether this would lead the party to a bigger crisis or even its fall. Historically, PAS has faced a lot of obstacles and crisis in the past as its leaders and members had left the party before.”

However he added if problems resulted from Anwar and his Kajang move, he believed PAS would be able to overcome them.

The Kajang move follows the resignation of Lee Chin Cheh (right) as its assemblyperson.

Although Anwar was slated to contest for the state seat, the move fell apart following his conviction for Sodomy II by the Court of Appeal.

As a result of this, Dr Wan Azizah contested the seat against BN's Chew Mei Fun and won.

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