

Ex-PAS leader: Pakatan's future with PAS and DAP
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In the week that PAS will hold its annual meet or muktamar, the party's still influential former information chief has sent a clear message that the future of the opposition rests with PAS and DAP.

As for PKR, Subky Latiff said the party cannot be considered as an important ally.

Penning his views in PAS' organ Harakahdaily, he noted that DAP would exist even after Lim Kit Siang and his son Guan Eng.

However, he said the Chinese-based party would be more potent if it has a Malay political teammate to mount a challenge against BN.

"An ally with grassroots is PAS, and PAS too will be here for a long time," he added.

As for PKR, Subky said it remains unclear who would lead the party once Anwar Ibrahim is no longer around.

He also claimed that the majority of Malay backing for Anwar and PKR comes from PAS, and if Anwar is no longer in power, that support base cannot be guaranteed.

"On the other hand, the non-Malays depend on the support from DAP, and DAP's support for PKR is also because of Anwar.

"But if Anwar himself loses the support of Malays, then what can DAP hope to do with regard to helping him get closer to Putrajaya?" he asked.

Subky pointed out that PAS needs DAP and the latter requires the support of the Islamic party, and the two enjoyed a good working relationship in Perak when Pakatan captured the state.

Commenting on the ongoing Selangor menteri besar crisis, which has strained ties between PAS and PKR, he noted that DAP did not take any steps to ease the tension.

"Now the sultan has called DAP defiant. Whether the decree is correct or otherwise, Umno and DAP's foes are happy.

"Unlike before, PAS is unable to dilute the negative perception towards DAP. Before this, whatever the Malays said about DAP, PAS is the one which diluted it," he added.

Subky said If DAP wants to disassociate itself from the "defiant" tag, then it must decide to

calm down PKR so that it would be "softer" with PAS.

"Because of the current political situation, the future of DAP will be better with PAS. It doesn't matter if DAP doesn't need PAS, but PAS feels that it must be friends with DAP.

"DAP should not discard PKR, but PAS is far more important," he added.

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