

## **Azizah still top choice as PKR discusses Plan B**

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A source from PKR has denied rumours that the party has agreed with the appointment of PKR deputy president Azmin Ali as the new Selangor menteri besar.

The party's top leaders in a meeting last night only discussed a possible scenario if the Selangor sultan really intends Azmin to be the menteri besar.

"In the meeting last night, we reiterated the decision made before this, which is for party president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to become the menteri besar," said a PKR supreme council member.

Rumours began circulating that PKR had agreed on Azmin's appointment after statements were made by Azmin's followers on Twitter last night, following the meeting.

The meeting, held at the PKR headquarters in Petaling Jaya, was attended by some of the party's supreme council members and chaired by Wan Azizah.

Late this afternoon, party secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution Ismail reiterated in a brief statement that PKR has not changed its stand on the Selangor MB issue.

The other scenarios which were discussed in the meeting were the possibility of the palace choosing a PAS state assemblyperson to replace outgoing menteri besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

'MB needs majority support'

The source also told Malaysiakini that the issue will be raised to the sultan if PKR representatives are allowed to meet with the ruler.

He added that PKR had the right to state their stand since Wan Azizah already has the majority support of the Selangor state assemblypersons.

"Yes, we support the sultan's decision, but we still uphold the constitution and the laws of Selangor which states that the menteri besar must obtain the majority support," said the source.

Meanwhile, Malaysiakini understands that Azmin had met PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim privately to discuss the matter.

A source from Azmin's faction told Malaysiakini that the "discussion" is ongoing. However, details to the discussion cannot be disclosed at this point in time, said the source.

Azmin had previously expressed his support for Wan Azizah to become the menteri besar, despite PAS initially nominating both he and Wan Azizah for the post.

The Star today reported that Azmin was among the three candidates the palace had "interviewed" for the MB post while Wan Azizah was left out, and that Anwar had accepted the developments.

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