

DAP denies no-confidence vote against Azmin

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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has rubbished rumours of a planned no confidence vote against Azmin Ali, insisting that the party will stand by the new Selangor menteri besar.

"DAP has not received any indication that there will be such a motion and will oppose any no confidence motion against Azmin because DAP's 15 Selangor state assemblypersons fully support the PKR deputy president as the new menteri besar," he said in a statement today.

Lim was responding to former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who yesterday expressed hope there would not be a no confidence vote when the Selangor state assembly convenes in November.

The speculation first surfaced on Sept 25 after self-exiled blogger Raja Petra Kamaruddin claimed of a plan in PKR to remove Azmin from power after being appointed by the Selangor palace even though he was never nominated by any parties.

However, Lim said DAP will ignore any such rumours and instead focus on helping the new menteri besar to ensure justice, freedom, good and clean governance.

"I have spoken to (PKR supremo) Anwar Ibrahim this morning to convey DAP's commitment to Azmin to ensure the required political stability in Selangor to allow Azmin to perform as menteri besar and deliver on Pakatan's promises to the people of Selangor.

"Azmin should be given solid backing to get on with the business of governing Selangor for the rakyat's benefit and need not look over his shoulder every time he carries out his duties," he said.

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