

## **Another PAS leader quits Penang gov't**

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Another PAS leader has quit his government related posts in Penang, following in the footsteps of the party's ousted progressive leaders, Mohamad Sabu and Mujahid Yusof Rawa.

Penang PAS information chief Rosidi Hussain resigned as a director of Penang Youth Development Corporation.

This was announced by Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng in a statement today.

When contacted, Rosidi said he was resigning to focus on his law firm as a practising lawyer.

Rosidi did not want to elaborate further if his resignation had anything to do with PAS under its new conservative hardline leadership passing a resolution to sever ties with DAP.

However, he admitted that it was difficult to carry out his duties in the Penang government what with the ongoing spat between PAS and DAP.

"But I appreciate the working experience with the chief minister and the state government.

"It's just the environment is no longer conducive for me to serve the people as many things are happening," he said.

He lamented that the tense relationship between DAP and PAS was a foregone conclusion after they fell into Umno's trap to break up Pakatan Rakyat.

Lim (photo) also confirmed receiving Mohamad's resignation as a director of PBA Holdings Berhad.

He praised the leaders for their principled stance which he said was in contrast to other PAS representatives who were still clinging on to their government positions even though the party had severed ties with DAP.

"Fortunately there are still honourable PAS leaders who have resigned despite the refusal of the PAS new leadership to follow up on their killing Pakatan.

"These are PAS leaders with principles who support the Penang state government not because of the posts but out of their passion to serve the people," he said.

## **Obeying clerics**

Last Saturday, Mohamad announced his resignations from government-linked companies and agencies which he said was in compliance with the desire of the new PAS leadership led by conservative hardliners to sever ties with DAP.

"If I don't do it then people would say I am not obedient to the clerics," the former PAS deputy president said sarcastically.

Defeated PAS central committee member Muhajid (photo) also announced his resignation on Monday as Penang Water Corporation and Penang Halal Hub board member.

Last week, pro-Pakatan leaders were purged at the PAS election with conservative hardliners taking over the party's leadership.

PAS, under the new leadership, proceeded to approve a motion without debate to sever ties with DAP, prompting Lim to ask PAS to resign from their government positions.

Subsequently, the new PAS leadership appeared to backtrack, insisting that the motion was not final and urged its representatives not to resign.

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