

PAS now enemy of Penang gov't, says Guan Eng

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Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said PAS has clearly shown it is an enemy of the state government by threatening legal action in support of those terminated from their posts.

"This clearly shows it has no more relationship with DAP," Lim said at a press conference in George Town today.

"If it wants to take legal action against us, it has become like an opposing party," he added.

Lim welcomed the legal suits, saying it was up to the people to judge the actions of PAS, as the party has truly changed since the new team took over the leadership, under which a motion to sever ties with DAP was passed.

This led to the DAP-led Penang government sacking PAS members from official posts.

"We will meet them in court," said Lim in reiterating his challenge yesterday.

Lim had then also urged PAS not to divert attention - by threatening to sue Penang - from the recent expose by The Wall Street Journal that Prime Minister Najib Razak allegedly embezzled RM2.6 billion from three companies related to the debt-ridden 1MDB.

Yesterday, PAS Penang commissioner Fauzi Mohd Yusof directed the party's lawyers to issue a legal letter to the state government over the sacking of its members from official posts.

The party's deputy commissioner Mohd Fadzil Kemi said a legal letter would also be sent to Lim's, his former boss, for "abruptly" terminating his contract as information officer.

Both Fauzi and Mohd Fadzil said they had decided on legal action to defend the dignity of PAS and its members.

DAP, which leads the Penang government, fell out with PAS, after the party's 61st muktamar in Selangor decided to cut ties with DAP.

The delegates accepted the proposal by the ulama council to do so as DAP had earlier severed ties with PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang (photo) for moving a private members bill in Parliament on hudud.

As a result of the decision by PAS muktamar, five PAS leaders in Penang, including former deputy chief Mohamed Sabu and Parit Buntar MP Mujahid Yusof Rawa, had quit their various posts based on principle.

Although Lim has declared that the Pakatan government in Penang has ceased to exist, he said it would be “business as usual” for the Penang government, with its 30 assemblymen, including PAS Permatang Pasir representative Salleh Man.

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