

## **Wan Azizah agrees to file no-confidence motion**

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PARLIAMENT Opposition Leader Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail has now agreed to lead the charge on filing a motion for a vote of no-confidence against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

The PKR president announced this after Pakatan Harapan's inaugural presidential council meeting in Parliament today.

"We will follow standing order 26, which is to give 14-day notice," she told reporters.

"The rationale is that we have to save our country, the people want us to act," she said.

She added that the motion has to be drafted in a form acceptable to the house.

Initially, the motion was filed by PKR lawmaker Hee Loy Sian but DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng wanted it revoked.

Given that it concerns an issue of paramount importance, Lim wanted Wan Azizah to file the motion instead, indicating that DAP lawmakers might not support it otherwise.

Meanwhile, Wan Azizah said Hee would retract his motion.

She added that a consensus of the coalition was needed before a motion could be tabled.

Also present were DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, veteran Lim Kit Siang, acting national chairman Tan Kok Wai, Amanah president Mohamad Sabu and PKR secretary-general Rafizi Ramli.

Meanwhile, the first meeting of the opposition pact could only take place when all the top leaders are present, said Rafizi.

"If we were to file the motion without the consensus of the two allies (DAP and Amanah), this would not look good as this would be seen as PKR's motion," said Rafizi, who is also Pandan MP.

"We also have two to three options to get Najib out," he said, without elaborating.

He also said the opposition pact would approach PAS and BN parliamentarians, including ex-deputy prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin, to get their support.

"We will approach everyone," added Mohamad Sabu.

Rafizi, however, refused to reveal how many BN votes they can get for fear that they will be sent to Taiwan.

(In 2009, BN lawmakers went packed off to Taiwan when speculation was rife that PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim might get enough BN parliamentarians to cross over to take Putrajaya.)

Rafizi said he is optimistic the motion may see the light in the house, as Pandikar, who is not attached to any faction in Umno, may allow it.

"He could made a surprise ruling," he said.

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