

Pandikar: Give me anti-Najib list, I'll push for no-confidence debate

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Dewan Rakyat speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia has asked the opposition to submit a list of those who are against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

This, he said, would help him pressure the government to debate a no-confidence motion.

"I know they just have 89 [...] but if they submit a list, (and show that maybe) they have 100 with them, then maybe I can pressure the government to debate this.

"Because if they have 100, how big a majority does the government still have?" he told reporters when met at the Parliament lobby today.

This, he said, was similar to how Joseph Pairin Kitingan was overthrown as Sabah chief minister in 1994.

Under Parliament's standing orders, motions by the government must be debated first meaning that motions filed by the opposition may not see the light of day.

New motion of no confidence

Pandikar was responding to Pakatan Harapan's plan to submit a new motion of no confidence against Najib.

The motion will be tabled by Opposition Leader Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (photo) instead of Petaling Jaya Selatan MP Hee Loy Sian.

Pandikar, however, stressed that there are other ways to show that Najib doesn't command confidence in the House.

"If the Budget 2016 is defeated, it will be the same as a vote of no confidence," he said.

The budget will be tabled this Friday, and can be defeated by a vote in the House after it has been debated.

The speaker, however, said the opposition has one problem.

"PAS is no longer with Pakatan," he said.

PAS secretary-general Takiyuddin Hassan, however, said the Islamist party was all for the no-confidence vote.

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