

**PAS Steering Committee Mocks Democracy**  
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With the setting up of the steering committee by the PAS central committee, Kedah will lose its sovereignty as such a committee with veto powers contravenes the state's constitution and sidelines the Menteri Besar and the Kedah exco in the decision-making process and policy implementation over state matters and affairs.

Rebel exco Phahrolrazi is quoted in News Straits Times online (6 Mar 12) as saying that "if the steering committee finds the menteri besar has made a decision or decisions it deems as deviating from the party's agenda, it will veto him."

I emphasize that the affairs of a state should not be run as though it is a political party and that the committee will make a mockery of the state excos whose decision over something, which may be supported by Menteri Besar Azizan, can be overruled by the PAS committee, an external entity.

DAP and PKR have no say in Kedah

Despite the fact that PAS Secretary-General Mustafa Ali had said that the committee will only be in an advisory position, but the fact that the committee can veto the Menteri Besar's decisions prove that PAS is the actual party in charge, and that DAP and PKR's voiceless presence in the state exco is nothing but a sham to fool the voters

In my opinion, placing people who were not elected by the people of Kedah is also an affront against Kedahans as it disrespects their choice and the democratic process of an election. What good is an election if the people we choose to govern us end up doing nothing while we end up being ruled by someone else in another state? This is a mockery of the state, its people, and the democratic election process.

Next step: PAS Hudud law

Establishment of the steering committee also can be seen as PAS bowing to the demands of the ulama group in PAS, of which the rogue PAS excos Phahrolrazi Zawawi and Dr Ismail Salleh are seen as a part of. This is in contrast to DAP's claims that PAS is opening up, as no matter who leads the helm, the hardliners will always be the ones in control of the party and will be the ones who will lead and determine its agenda, which is as we all know, the establishment of a theocratic state and the implementation of OAS hudud laws.

Even should the PKR and DAP excos resist it, there is nothing they can do as the Menteri Besar is very much tied down to the party's decision due to the veto power given to the steering committee.

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