

Kedah Steering Committee An Unwarranted Precedent
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The steering committee established by PAS in Kedah is not only in violation of the constitutional process, but this practice also interferes in the state's government's administration, and now our country's democracy is at stake.

PAS decision to set up the steering committee is a blatant violation of the Constitution and has facilitated PAS to govern the state in the guise of assisting the Kedah state government. Never in the history of the country has such a practice been heard of!

The people had decided during the 12th General Elections that Pakatan Rakyat will rule the state government, but now the leadership of PAS attempts to use this steering committee to interfere in the state government's affairs. This shows that they do not respect the people of Kedah as they have hijacked their wishes.

Under the principle of democracy, the state government should rule on the maxim of collective decisions and responsibility. Kedah's affairs should be managed by all components of Pakatan Rakyat, with Azizan Razak of PAS as the head of state. Thus, to simply ignore the parties and the state government shows a regression of democratic politics.

For PAS to assume that matters of the state are similar to their party's affairs is usurp the democratic process and hijack public opinion, and MCA firmly opposes this tyrannical attempt.

In addition, this practice of a steering committee by PAS also highlights their one-party dictatorship as the committee takes precedence over all the other parties, thus turning the Pakatan Rakyat Kedah state government into a state government managed by PAS only. More importantly is that the existence of such a committee serves to ensure that the administration of the state is in accordance with the instructions of the PAS Central Committee might further erode the freedom and rights of the non-Muslims.

It is regrettable that Pakatan Rakyat component parties have turned a blind eye on PAS' decision in Kedah, as it has set an unwarranted precedent which might lead to a more serious constitutional crisis.

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