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Wan Azizah: Letter is from Anwar

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'REMINDER': Letter warns PKR leaders to be cautious of working with Dr M

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OPPPOSITION leader Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail has confirmed that a letter warning PKR leaders on the dangers of working with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was penned by her hus-

band Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Dr Wan Azizah, however, said the letter was an internal matter.

In the letter, Anwar, who is serving a five-year imprisonment for sodomy, had warned PKR that Dr Mahathir and former finance minister Tun Daim Zainuddin might use PKR leaders and the party to achieve their personal agenda.

"(We will) just have to be cautious then," said Dr Wan Azizah when met at the parliament lobby yesterday.

She, however, declined to elaborate when prodded.

Asked if party leaders would stop collaborating with Dr Mahathir, she merely replied: "He (Anwar) didn't say that, right?"

PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah

Anwar said she would deliberate on her father's warning.

"I don't need to disclose anything. I have my responsibilities to deliberate as part of our internal process and thank you for understanding."

Another PKR vice-president, Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin, said the party would be wary in its political decisions.

"Right now, we welcome anyone who stands with us to see reformation (in the government) and that includes Dr Mahathir.

"It is normal for Anwar, as a former party leader, to give his thoughts and views," he said.

Other PKR leaders, however, said while they practised caution when working with Dr Mahathir, they

would continue to support the Mahathir-Kit Siang declaration.

Sungai Petani member of parliament Datuk Johari Abdul said Anwar's letter merely reminded party leaders to prioritise the people's interest and not anyone's personal agenda.

"Individually, we are supportive of the declaration. Our president (Dr Wan Azizah) has given space for leaders to think for themselves. There is no official decision by the party to support the declaration," he said.

Kelana Jaya MP Wong Chen said the letter was a good reminder to party members not to get carried away with the declaration.

"I have not seen the letter, but I

have read it online. It is my boss's letter to me and to the leaders. I will take his advice," he said.

Bayan Baru MP Sim Tze Tzin accepted the letter in good faith and did not think that it would cause a split in PKR.

DAP's Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua and Serdang MP Ong Kian Ming declined to comment on the issue.

Pua said he had no comments as he did not know the origin of the letter.

"I have yet to read it," he said.

When told that Dr Wan Azizah had confirmed letter was genuine, Pua and Ong said they would leave it to PKR to answer. **Additional reporting by**

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