

**DAP not gunning for Selangor MB post, says Pakatan**  
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SHAH ALAM, Dec 20 — Pakatan Rakyat moved today to end speculation that the DAP is eyeing the Selangor menteri besar's post, blaming Umno for starting the "lie" to sow discord in the opposition pact.

In a joint press conference, Selangor DAP chief Teresa Kok (picture), PAS state commissioner Dr Abdul Rani Osman and deputy Khalid Samad stressed that the question of the MB's post "did not arise" and that they were supportive of Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim's leadership.

"We are happy with the Tan Sri Khalid's leadership and have no intention to change that," said Dr Rani.

He explained that the DAP had suggested to Selangor PR that it wanted to field more Malay candidates in Malay-majority areas to "free" themselves from being seen as a "non-Malay" party.

"PAS and PKR have stated in turn that they are afraid that this suggestion may be exploited by Umno to attack PR. DAP will be accused of being power crazy while PKR, PAS will be accused of abandoning their race," said Dr Rani.

Kok said it was impossible for the DAP to place an MB in the state, pointing out that it had the smallest representation in the state assembly.

Khalid Samad said the DAP and PAS were working hand-in-hand to rid themselves of stereotypes propagated by Umno.

"DAP has helped PAS to rid itself of extremist image. If we want to win elections, PAS has to rid itself of extremist image, DAP of its so-called chauvinist image," added the Shah Alam MP.

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