

**PAS, PKR keen on polls at same time**  
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GEORGETOWN: Pakatan Rakyat hopes to reach a consensus among its partners tomorrow on holding simultaneous parliamentary and state elections in Opposition-held states, said PKR deputy president Azmin Ali.

PAS and PKR leaders are "keen" to hold the simultaneous elections, leaving only the DAP, which has yet to make a stand.

"I do not foresee any major objection in simultaneously dissolving the state assemblies, as the full term of office is drawing to a close by the middle of next year.

"However, we will reach a consensus (on simultaneous dissolution of Pakatan-controlled state assemblies) tomorrow after consulting the Penang Chief Minister and Selangor Menteri Besar," he said after a pre-election ceramah at the Bayan Baru on Saturday.

Azmin was asked to comment on PAS spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat, who said Kelantan would dissolve its state assembly concurrently with the dissolution of Parliament.

Nik Aziz also said that it would be up to the Penang and Selangor governments to object to a simultaneous dissolution of parliamentary and state assemblies.

Azmin said Pakatan might get Penang and Selangor to agree to simultaneous elections.

Kelantan and Kedah are controlled by PAS, while Penang and Selangor are controlled by DAP and PKR respectively.

Azmin also said that PKR would draw the final list of its general election candidates by April.

"We want the potential candidates to start campaigning next month," he said, adding that the party election machinery was now in full gear.

Azmin said PKR hoped to resolve over-lapping seat issues with Pakatan partners by the end of this month.

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