

Crisis In Kedah PAS Shows Problematic State Government, People To Lose - DPM Bernama
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SUNGAI PETANI, April 5 (Bernama) -- The reappointment of two state executive council (exco) members who had before this rejected it, showed a problematic Pas-led Kedah government, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the setting up of a Steering Committee by the central party leadership to monitor the state government also undermined the credibility of the Menteri Besar in carrying out his duties.

"When a person is appointed to help lead the state government, it is a task entrusted by the people which cannot be taken lightly. The Menteri Besar does his work but he has to refer to the Steering Committee. So, how can a decision be made fast?

"If Pas had followed the state constitution, this problem would not arise. And this committee is made up of people not from Kedah. How will they be able to fulfil the Kedah people's needs?" said Muhyiddin at a special meeting with small traders and taxi drivers from the state, here, today.

He said the need for the Menteri Besar's decisions to be referred to the Steering Committee would only slow down the decision-making process and impact traders, the people at large and the state's economy.

The two exco members, Datuk Phahrolrazi Zawawi and Datuk Dr Ismail Salleh who had rejected their reappointment as state exco members, later agreed to be reappointed to the post after the central Pas intervened.

Today, they took their oath of office before the chairman of the Kedah Regency Council, Datuk Seri Tunku Annuar Sultan Badlishah at Istana Anak Bukit in Alor Setar.

They had first rejected the reappointment due to differences of opinion with Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak over state administration matters.

The list of exco members issued after the oath-taking ceremony shows a change of portfolio for the two assemblymen, with Phahrolrazi now the state Local Government, Water Resource and Supply and Energy Committee chairman, while Ismail is the Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs), Science and Innovation, and Information Communication Technology Committee (ICT) chairman.

Before this, Phahrolrazi was in charge of Housing and Local Government, Works, Water Resource and Supply and Energy, and Ismail in charge of Health, NGOs and Human Capital Development, Science and Innovation and ICT.

In GURUN, Muhyiddin said the action of the two exco members, who were at odds with the Menteri Besar, to return to their post could cause uneasiness and affect public confidence in the state government.

"How can the two sit together at meetings? Those who fought against him (Menteri Bedar) are now back in the state government.

"How can the MB does his work? There will still be problems in reaching a decision," he said after meeting farmers' leaders from all over Kedah and officially opening Malaysia NPK Fertilizer plant.

He said if the problem continued, besides the existence of the Steering Committee, the state's administration, development and economic growth would be hampered.

"Pakatan Rakyat actually does not place the people's interests first but their politics. They failed to think whether the decision would be good for the people or not," he said.

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