

**PAS worries Kajang Move may divide Pakatan
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With its fifth convention approaching, a Pakatan Rakyat leader has expressed his concern that the pact will disintegrate over PAS's unhappiness with PKR's "Kajang Move".

The Islamist party's Research Centre director, Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, said that some Pakatan leaders and supporters have been acting negatively and it could result in disunity within the opposition coalition.

"If the Kajang Move is not dealt with care, it will be able to divide PR post by-election," he told The Malaysian Insider today.

PR's convention director, Iskandar Samad had announced in a press conference yesterday that the fifth PR convention will be held in Selangor on March 8.

Themed "Pakatan Defends Malaysians", it outlines three objectives, including "Unity between the Pakatan Rakyat component parties".

The Kajang by-election, the nation's third since GE13, was triggered by the resignation of PKR's Lee Chin Cheh.

Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will be contesting for PR in the by-election, which has been set for March 23 with nominations on March 11.

It has been speculated that Anwar will be replacing Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim as Selangor's menteri besar if he wins the Kajang by-election.

Since the seat became vacant, several PAS leaders had said that as the "Kajang Move" may affect the Selangor government, it can no longer be considered as PKR's internal problems.

However, PKR members generally view PAS's failure to support the move to make Anwar the Selangor menteri besar as an extension of the Islamist party's earlier reluctance to support Anwar as the candidate for Prime Minister.

"When Anwar wanted to be Prime Minister, they refused. Today, they have also refused to have Anwar as Selangor menteri besar. Is this what they call friendship?" said a PKR leader who refused to be named. – February 13, 2013.

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