

**State Election To Resolve Terengganu Political Woes - Suggests Kit Siang
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 13 (Bernama) -- The opposition has suggested that a new state election be held to resolve the current political impasse in Terengganu.

DAP leader Lim Kit Siang claimed the move was necessary in the absence of any political party with a working majority in the state legislative assembly.

Sharing his views, PAS Information Chief, Datuk Mahfuz Omar as reported by a local news portal today, wanted the people of Terengganu to be given full mandate to choose a new state government.

"Dissolving the State Legislative Assembly is an option, but for the moment we look at the situation first," said PAS election head Dr Hatta Ramli to Bernama when contacted.

Another leader of the party, PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub said PAS would look at the developments from all aspects first, including in terms of morals and integrity.

Earlier today, former Terengganu Menteri Besar and Kijal State Assemblyman Datuk Seri Ahmad Said, Ajil Assemblyman Ghazali Taib and Bukit Besi Assemblyman Roslee Daud declared that they were leaving Umno and becoming Independent assemblymen.

The decision leaves the Barisan Nasional (BN) with 14 seats, followed by PAS (14), PKR (one), and Independent (three).

State Legal Advisor Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid, however, drew attention that the Assembly Speaker was also considered as a representative of the ruling state government, thus making the ratio of seats in the State Assembly 15:15:3.

Under this situation, Azhar said the BN remained as the Terengganu ruling government as the BN was the Terengganu ruling government after the 13th general election.

However, in order to avoid any confusion, PAS Wanita head, Siti Zailah Yusof wanted the crisis resolved immediately to avoid any problem caused by the political imbalance in the state.

"If possible, we want a simple solution, we give them space to resolve the internal problems and we hope for the best for the rakyat," she said.

In this regard, PAS deputy president Mohd Sabu said the PAS central leadership had yet to make a decision but was now looking at the latest developments closely.

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