

Selangor PAS chief calls on Pakatan colleagues to get voters view on Khalid
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Selangor PAS commissioner Iskandar Abdul Samad today rebuked Pakatan Rakyat leaders for urging Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim to step down as the Menteri Besar.

Khalid has come under fire from various quarters within Pakatan Rakyat for his perceived weaknesses in administering Selangor.

Iskandar said the views of the people in Selangor also had to be taken into consideration as they had the right to choose a menteri besar.

"Politicians do not have the final say on who leads the state, it is the people who voted for Pakatan Rakyat," Iskandar said.

"Do not just take the views of politicians into account. The political leaders must also go to the ground to see what the grassroots have to say."

Iskandar, who is the Selangor housing, building management and urban settlers exco member, said it was the people who had given PR the mandate to administer in Selangor.

"It was the people who voted for PR in the 13th general election last year," he said.

"Any major changes in Selangor, especially changing the menteri besar, should receive the 'blessing' of the rakyat."

He also warned that if the rakyat did not like Khalid being ousted as the Selangor MB, PR could face repercussions in the next general election.

"During the general election, all the political parties went down to the ground to generate support among the people."

"So it is logical that at times like this, the views of the people are taken into consideration."

Iskandar, the Cempaka state assemblyman, said PR must be people-orientated and sensitive to their needs.

"Let the views and opinions of all parties be considered, including the rakyat. It should not just be certain groups."

Besides Parti Keadilan Rakyat, several leaders from DAP and PAS have also voiced their disillusion with Khalid and urged a review of his position.

Complaints about Khalid's administration range from minor issues such as allocations for state assembly areas to major matters such as the AlKitab seizure by the Selangor religious affair Department (Jais).

Other complaints centre around the controversial Kinrara-Damansara Expressway (Kidex) and the water crisis.

Khalid has also been accused of governing Selangor like a corporate entity and constantly making decisions on his own, and which went against Pakatan Rakyat principles. – June 22, 2014.

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