

PKR, DAP Want Khalid To Prove He Has Selangor Assembly's Majority Support
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SHAH ALAM, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) and DAP have asked Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim to prove to the people in the state that he has the support of the majority of the members of the state legislative assembly as he claims.

PKR secretary-general Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and Selangor DAP chairman Tony Pua said in a joint statement Monday that Abdul Khalid could call a meeting of the state assembly for a vote of confidence or through other means to demonstrate he had the support of the PAS and UMNO assemblymen.

"PKR and DAP have openly stated that Abdul Khalid no longer enjoys the support of the two parties as the menteri besar of Selangor, meaning that Abdul Khalid has lost the confidence of 28 assemblymen or half of the total number of assemblymen in Selangor.

"PAS has yet to make a decision on its support for Abdul Khalid as the menteri besar. The PAS Central Committee will only meet on Aug 17. As such, Abdul Khalid's statement to the (Selangor) palace that he had the support of the majority of the assemblymen is questionable," they said.

Saifuddin Nasution and Pua said that with the open rejection by PKR and DAP, Abdul Khalid could only obtain majority support with the backing of the 12 UMNO assemblymen.

They also urged UMNO to state openly that its 12 assemblymen supported Abdul Khalid as he had claimed.

"If the 12 UMNO assemblymen do not support Abdul Khalid, it is plain that he has presented a false picture to the Sultan of Selangor," both of them said.

Saifuddin Nasution and Pua said their parties would use every clause in the State Constitution and relevant enactments to keep the Selangor government administration with Pakatan Rakyat that was elected by the people in the last general election.

They said the next move, in accordance with the State Constitution, would be announced after the Pakatan Rakyat leadership met to seek a consensus to resolve the matter.

Abdul Khalid announced earlier Monday that he had received the consent of the Sultan of Selangor to continue to be the menteri besar until further developments.

He said that despite his sacking from PKR, he continued to command majority support from among the assemblymen in the state.

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