

Abdul Hadi Wants Abdul Khalid To Continue As Menteri Besar
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MARANG, July 25 (Bernama) -- PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang Friday defended Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim and wanted the latter to remain as Selangor Menteri Besar.

He said Khalid had not betrayed the trust given by the people.

"That is my stand and I hope all PAS leaders are with me," he said, adding that the decision was made after considering the views of majority of the PAS grassroots.

He said majority of the PAS grassroots agreed that Abdul Khalid remained as Menteri Besar.

However, this would depend on the Sultan of Selangor, he told reporters when met at his house in Rusila, Marang.

Abdul Hadi said Abdul Khalid's track record, in helming Selangor, and retaining Selangor in the 13th general election could not be denied, despite problems in the Pakatan Rakyat.

He said he could not accept the grounds given by some quarters in wanting Abdul Khalid to step down.

"If he is involved in a scandal, breach of trust, misappropriation of government funds, then we can change, but if it is because of other reasons, it is not by changing the menteri besar.

"Let him complete his term," Abdul Hadi said.

When asked the possibility of PAS inviting Abdul Khalid to join the party, Abdul Hadi said PAS had no intention of doing so.

"That is not our way and since the beginning, although we have 15 seats, which is more than PKR, we give PKR the Menteri Besar seat because we already have the (menteri besar) seat in Kelantan.

"That shows the spirit of cooperation in Pakatan Rakyat," he added.

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