

**DAP Says No Other Name Proposed For Selangor MB Post**  
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GEORGE TOWN, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- The DAP said today it has not received the name of anyone else for the post of Selangor menteri besar other than PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail who was proposed by her party.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said the parties in Pakatan Rakyat could propose names, but they must declare via their respective presidents that they were not opposed to a woman being a menteri besar or chief minister.

"The DAP did not receive other nominations from PKR other than Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah.

"If any other quarters wants to nominate other names, it is up to them subject to the condition I outlined earlier, namely, the parties must make a declaration through their respective presidents that they are not opposed to a woman holding the post of menteri besar or chief minister in Malaysia," he told a press conference here.

Lim was commenting on a report in a Chinese newspaper that PAS leaders had named Ijok state assemblyman Dr Idris Ahmad as a compromise candidate to end the issue over the post of Selangor menteri besar.

The newspaper also mentioned that Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim was not against Dr Idris replacing him.

Lim, who is the Penang chief minister, said the Federal Constitution did not state that women could not become the prime minister or deputy prime minister and clearly disallowed gender discrimination.

He said what was important was that there was no discrimination against women and the DAP did not oppose the nomination of a woman as a menteri besar.

PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced recently that the Pakatan Rakyat Leadership Council which met on July 20 had accepted a proposal for Abdul Khalid to be replaced and had nominated Dr Wan Azizah to fill the post.

However, the suggestion did not get the support of many leaders of PAS and its president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and Spiritual Leader Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat voiced their support for Abdul Khalid by saying he should be allowed to complete his term.

In KUALA LUMPUR, Selangor MCA today proposed that the Selangor legislative assembly be dissolved for a state election to resolve the menteri besar issue.

Its secretary, Ng Chok Sin, said an election would provide an opportunity for the MCA to win a few seats.

He also challenged PKR and its secretary-general Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail to report to the authorities on the issue of integrity they had raised pertaining to Abdul Khalid.

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