

MB Accepts Expulsion From PKR Despite Decision Being Legally Erroneous, Defective
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SHAH ALAM, Aug 9 (Bernama) -- Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said he accepted Parti Keadilan Rakyat's (PKR) decision to expel him from the party, despite the decision being legally erroneous and defective.

He said as stated in his reply to the show-cause letter, the party was confused with the details of the allegations against him.

In fact, he said PKR disciplinary board chairman Datuk Dr Tan Kee Kwong had failed to quote the provisions under the party constitution which he (Abdul Khalid) was alleged to have infringed.

"I also want to state that even though I had appealed to the disciplinary board for a postponement of the hearing to Aug 15, there was no reply. Instead, the disciplinary board went ahead with the session, without first hearing my explanation.

"I was not given a fair opportunity and process to reply to all charges against me, according to the procedures. I believe there was an act of sabotage by the top party leadership," he said in a statement following his expulsion from the party on Saturday.

In this regard, Abdul Khalid said he would be seeking an audience with the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah to inform him of the latest development and to listen to his views.

He said until the issues were resolved according to proper procedure and in accordance with the laws enshrined in the State Constitution, he would continue to serve the people as menteri besar.

"Thank you to all who supported me during this trying time," he added.

In announcing the decision of the Central Leadership Council (MPP) in Petaling Jaya today, Tan said the decision was unanimous based on Abdul Khalid's actions to ignore party directive to resign and give way to PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the new Selangor menteri besar.

He said apart from that, Abdul Khalid, who is also Port Klang state assemblyman, had also disregarded decisions made by the Pakatan Rakyat Presidential Council, which included postponing the process and discussion on the Langat 2 project, as well as increasing the allowance of the speaker, menteri besar, exco and state assemblymen of Selangor.

Abdul Khalid joined PKR in 2007.

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