

PKR, DAP ask PAS excos to shun weekly Selangor meeting
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PKR and DAP have appealed to ally PAS's four executive councillors to boycott tomorrow's Selangor cabinet meeting in solidarity with their colleagues who were sacked by menteri besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim today.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said the sacking of the six PKR and DAP excos in the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) government by the embattled Selangor Menteri Besar was unethical and against democratic principles.

"I've contacted my PAS counterpart Datuk Mustafa Ali and requested him to send a message to the top PAS leadership that four of their excos should refrain from attending the exco meeting tomorrow in solidarity with those who were sacked," he told a press conference in Petaling Jaya tonight.

The PR allies had an emergency meeting hours after news broke that Khalid had sent termination letters to five PKR and DAP executive councillors, effectively kicking the coalition out of government.

Lim said PAS should stand together with them if they still subscribe to the Pakatan Rakyat coalition.

Pakatan effectively lost the Selangor government when embattled Khalid sacked all PKR and DAP executive councillors this evening.

Five of the affected councillors – DAP's Datuk Teng Chang Khim, V.Ganabatirau and Ean Yong Hian Wah as well Elizabeth Wong and Dr Daroyah Alwi from PKR – received their termination letters today, while one executive councillor, Rodziah Ismail from PKR, is out of the country.

The two-term MB's move leaves him and four PAS state executive councillors as the state government.

In expressing shock at the sudden turn of events, Lim denounced the sackings as unacceptable, unfair and a betrayal of the trust given by the electorate towards Pakatan.

Looking subdued, the Penang chief minister said it was clear that they were sacked for their refusal to support the sacked PKR leader as MB.

"Khalid has to remember he is the MB because of Pakatan. He is not the MB just because he is Khalid, but because his name represents Pakatan.

"We do not understand how he can sack more than half of his 11-man exco," he said, adding that this is contrary to the Port Klang assemblyman's assertion yesterday that he still has the support of the majority of the assembly.

He warned Khalid not to assume that he will get absolute support from rival Umno and PAS, who together form 28 representatives. Umno has 12 representatives in the 56-seat assembly, while PAS has 15.

Khalid is now an Independent after being expelled from PKR last week for defying the party's orders to step down as MB and make way for president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

"Twenty eight is not the majority, 29 is the majority," Lim said, and called on all Pakatan supporters to remain calm and patient.

In stressing they are against the unethical sacking, Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he is certain none of the PKR and DAP assemblymen will defect towards Khalid.

"I am absolutely certain," he declared, adding that Rodziah will return tomorrow.

He said today's emergency meeting was only to discuss about the sacking and did

not discuss any alternative MB candidates.

Following a two-hour meeting by Selangor's Royal Advisory Council at the Istana Alam Shah yesterday, the sultan consented to Khalid continuing as MB.

The Port Klang assemblyman said he had informed the sultan that he still commanded the majority of the support of the assemblymen, despite his sacking from PKR on August 9.

Khalid's expulsion from PKR came weeks after the MB crisis threatened to split Pakatan between PAS, which supports Khalid, and PKR and DAP, which want him removed. – August 12, 2014.

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