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PAS cannot wait until August 17 to state whether or not they will endorse Pakatan Rakyat's move to appoint Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the Selangor menteri besar, its ally DAP said today.

DAP secretary-General Lim Guan Eng (pic) said it was urgent that the Islamist party make its position known earlier, as Umno has declared unconditional support for embattled MB Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

"PAS can no longer wait until August 17 following the statement by Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyidin Yassin, who had said that the party's 12 assemblymen will give full and unconditional support to Khalid to continue as menteri besar," Lim said in a statement.

"Any delay in making this declaration is unacceptable because it does not measure up to the responsibility of the mandate of Selangor voters who returned 15 PAS assemblymen in the 2013 general election."

He called on the Islamist party to at least make a statement on whether it will continue with Pakatan Rakyat before their August 17 meeting, adding that they could decide later if they wanted to endorse PKR's choice of replacement – Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

"If PAS says that they are not together with Umno, this will help to clarify that PAS agrees with replacing Khalid as Selangor MB but wishes to wait until August 17 to decide whether to endorse PKR's choice of replacement.

"Failure by PAS to provide clarity will only further erode PR's popular support and damage voters' confidence, not only in Selangor but also nationally," Lim said, adding that should PAS refuse to endorse a change in MB, it would immediately lead to the end of Pakatan, both in Selangor and nationally.

Khalid was sacked by PKR last Saturday for defying the party's orders to step down as menteri besar and make way for Dr Wan Azizah, who is the party's president

Following that, PR now holds 43 seats in the 56-seat assembly. PKR now has 13 seats, PAS and DAP 15 each, while rival Umno holds 12.

PAS has yet to make a decision on whether it will support Khalid as MB but PAS's ulama leaders, including its influential Shura Council, decided last week to support Khalid and were against PKR's decision to replace him with Dr Wan Azizah.

Their stand has caused friction between PAS's partners PKR and DAP, both of whom want Khalid out over numerous complaints against the former corporate captain for running Selangor without consulting his party PKR as well as the national PR leadership.

Yesterday, Muhyiddin Yassin said BN would give its unconditional support to Khalid to continue as the Selangor MB and ensure the successful implementation of the water agreements Putrajaya had inked with the state government.

The deputy prime minister said he had discussed the matter with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who is overseas, and agreed that BN would back Khalid if Pakatan Rakyat moved a motion of no-confidence against him in the Selangor assembly.

This comes after Khalid said that the Sultan of Selangor had consented to him continuing as MB as he still commanded support of the majority of assemblymen.

The embattled MB's statement was, however, refuted by both PKR and DAP, who pointed out that both parties had declared that Khalid no longer had their support to continue as MB. – August 12, 2014.

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