

**PAS political bureau to meet tomorrow night, reports Harakahdaily
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The PAS political affairs bureau will meet tomorrow night to discuss the Selangor menteri besar (MB) crisis, the party's organ Harakahdaily reports.

Party secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali (pic) told the daily that the meeting will be held at the PAS headquarters in Jalan Raja Laut, Kuala Lumpur.

Harakahdaily said the outcome of such a meeting is usually brought to the party's central committee for further deliberation.

The Islamist party's central executive committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday to discuss the MB crisis.

The special secretary to PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang yesterday said Hadi will not make any statements on the matter until he had attended the meeting.

Hadi had met with opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at a hotel near Kuala Ibai in Kuala Terengganu on Monday to discuss the crisis, but the two failed to reach a consensus on the impasse.

News of the failure was widely spread over mobile messaging app Whatsapp, which featured a leaked message said to be from a PAS central committee member.

"The meeting between DSAI and TGHH yesterday failed. No compromise. And Zuhdi's scenario seemed likely to be used," the PAS central committee member wrote, referring to the Malay acronyms for Anwar and Hadi.

This is the only information available about the meeting between the two, as they refused to divulge any details.

PAS research centre operations director Dr Mohd Zuhdi Marzuki had also spoken about the possibility of teaming up with rival Umno to form a simple majority government, while retaining embattled Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim as MB.

PAS Hulu Klang assemblyman Saari Sungib underscored the urgency of the situation by urging the central executive committee to meet earlier than August 17, to show support for its Pakatan Rakyat partners.

Saari said this was needed to stop Khalid, after he sacked six state executive councillors from PKR and DAP last night.

"PAS needs to bring forward the meeting because it appears that there might be a big move soon, so we need to strengthen the alliance with DAP and PKR in PR.

"Before Barisan Nasional makes a move, it's better for PAS to pledge its alliance with DAP and PKR to strengthen PR," he told The Malaysian Insider.

But, PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu assured that the Islamist party is still with Pakatan and pledged that it will not work with Umno.

"PAS will stick with PR," he said, shooting down talks that his party will join hands with Umno in the ongoing Selangor menteri besar impasse. – August 13, 2014.

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