

**PAS rep wants party to meet earlier to deal with MB tussle**  
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PAS Hulu Klang assemblyman Saari Sungib wants his party's central executive committee to meet earlier than August 17 to show support for its Pakatan Rakyat partners in rejecting Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim as Selangor menteri besar (MB).

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.

He said that Khalid could no longer lead the Pakatan government because he had been sacked by his party PKR, and PAS's decision to stand by him did not have any effect.

PAS's decision to postpone the meeting made the Islamist party look as if it was unsure about its position in Pakatan, resulting in supporters and the people being left in the dark.

"If the meeting is merely to state a policy to remain in PR, then it is something we have known all along.

"But if it decides to leave PR, it needs a special muktamar to get a consensus."

He said Pakatan, including PAS, should ensure that the Pakatan-led government in Selangor remains in power following Barisan Nasional's (BN) support of Khalid.

"Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has openly pledged support for Khalid. That is a clear indication that they have a team overseeing this issue."

Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on Monday said BN would unconditionally support Khalid to continue as the Selangor MB and ensure the successful implementation of the water agreements Putrajaya had inked with the state government.

Saari said the debate on Khalid's replacement as menteri besar was small compared to the survival of the Pakatan government in the state.

He also disagreed to PAS forming a coalition government with Umno in Selangor with the aim to retain Khalid as menteri besar. – August 13, 2014.

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