

PKR's Rodziah still exco member, says Khalid
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Batu Tiga assemblyman Rodziah Ismail is the sole PKR Selangor executive councillor, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said today, after having sacked all the other PKR and DAP members from the state government.

"I shall wait for Rodziah to return to Malaysia and will make my decision then," Khalid told a press conference at the state secretariat building today.

"If she agrees to work with the remaining councillors, she will stay on. Otherwise, she will also be terminated."

The Selangor executive council (exco) now comprises four PAS assemblymen and Rodziah, after five DAP and PKR exco members were sacked yesterday for declaring they no longer supported Khalid as the MB.

Khalid said yesterday he needed only four exco members for the state government to function, as stated in Article 53(2)b of the Selangor State Law.

The Star reported today that Rodziah is in Bangkok on an official trip and is expected to return this weekend.

Rodziah had signed a statement yesterday along with her PKR and DAP peers declaring that Khalid's and his state cabinet's functions were limited to transition capacity.

"Any decision the exco makes must be put to a vote so that Khalid's functions are limited to transition capacity," the statement read.

"We PKR and DAP exco members will not meet with Khalid (aside from the weekly exco meetings) to avoid any discussions on party positions."

The statement prompted Khalid to issue termination letters to all DAP and PKR exco members, except for Rodziah, who is in charge of welfare and women's affairs.

Last night, the sacked excos – Sementa assemblyman Dr Daroyah Alwi, Bukit Lanjan assemblyman Elizabeth Wong, Sg Pinang assemblyman Datuk Teng Chang Khim, Sri Kembangan assemblyman Ean Yong Hian Wah and Kota Alam Shah assemblyman V. Ganabatirau – said the dismissal was invalid because they believed it was impossible for Khalid to have received the Sultan's consent.

But, Khalid confirmed today that the Sultan had agreed to the sackings in a letter yesterday evening.

"For the time being PAS and I will manage Selangor's administration with the help of civil servants to ensure everything runs smoothly," said Khalid.

He said he would also discuss with the exco Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's position as Selangor economic advisor.

PKR sacked Khalid last Saturday after he refused to resign as directed by his party, to pave the way for Kajang assemblyperson and PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to take over the MB's post.

Khalid had also been facing mounting pressure from the PKR leadership to resign over his handling of Selangor affairs.

These include the state's management of its water resources, the Kidex highway and seizure of Bibles in Iban and Malay by the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais). – August, 13, 2014.

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