

We won't replace sacked excos, says Khalid
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Embattled Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said today he would not appoint new executive councillors to replace those he dismissed yesterday.

"We will not appoint new executive councillors.

"We are more interested in running the state in a harmonious manner. We want to focus on the development and the people's welfare," Khalid told a press conference at the state secretariat building.

Khalid said the matter of appointing Umno members to the council had also not been risen, but he would discuss it with the existing exco members and the sultan.

"I welcome Umno's support. But, 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.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said on Monday that Barisan Nasional (BN) would give its unconditional support to Khalid to continue as Selangor MB.

He said this after Khalid told the press that the Sultan had consented that he remain as MB for now, as he commanded the confidence of the majority.

Khalid sacked yesterday five DAP and PRK exco members after they declared in a statement that he and his state cabinet's function was limited to transition capacity.

He said he would work with the four PAS exco members, the minimum required under the constitution to administer the government.

PKR's Batu Tiga assemblyman Rodziah Ismail is still in the Selangor government, but her status would be reviewed once she returned from abroad, Khalid said today.

PAS exco Sallehen Mukhyi told reporters earlier today that the four PAS councillors would resign if Khalid appointed Umno lawmakers into the council.

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

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

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

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

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