

**PAS won't form unity government with Khalid, Barisan, says leader**  
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PAS will not form a Selangor unity government with Umno under Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, a senior PAS leader said, ahead of the Islamist party's central committee meeting on Sunday.

He also ruled out any possibility that the crucial weekend meeting would see PAS leaders calling for a unity government, even if its members wished to side with the embattled Selangor menteri besar.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said that even if the meeting decided that PAS should cooperate with Umno, it would involve a lengthy process, including approval from the Shura Council and a special congress or muktamar.

"Khalid cannot form a government with only Umno's support. Without PAS, he does not have enough assemblymen," he told The Malaysian Insider.

Barisan Nasional has only 12 state assemblymen in Selangor, while PAS has 15, DAP 15, PKR 13 and Khalid, who is now an independent lawmaker.

He added that if it was put to the vote, the faction that supported PAS remaining with Pakatan Rakyat (PR) was bigger than those who wanted PAS to ally with Khalid and BN.

The leader estimated that 22 would side with PR while another 14 PAS central committee members would support working with Khalid and BN.

The leader said PAS would also face a moral dilemma if the meeting this Sunday agreed to leave PR in favour of working with Umno.

He said this was because a combination of PAS and Umno assemblymen, plus Khalid, was not enough to make up a simple majority in the Selangor assembly,

and the alliance would have to “entice” at least one PKR or DAP assemblyman.

“It would be very difficult to do that because it would go against PAS’s morals, like what happened in Perak and Terengganu before this,” he said.

The PAS leader was referring to the recent Terengganu saga, which saw former menteri besar Datuk Ahmad Said and two of his Umno supporters exit Umno.

Terengganu PAS had decided not to ask the three independent representatives to join the party, even though such a move would have allowed the state to fall into PR’s hands.

PAS’s refusal to cooperate with the three assemblymen led them to rejoin Umno.

“If the decision was still made (to cooperate with Umno), PAS must gain a new mandate from the rakyat by calling for fresh elections in Selangor, and not just ride on Umno’s coattails,” he said.

Based on the various scenarios, he was confident that PAS Selangor assemblymen would not join Khalid to form a unity government with BN.

“He can do whatever he likes now, but eventually he will fall,” said the leader.

He was referring to Khalid’s move to sack five executive councillors from PKR and DAP, as well as ordering them to vacate their offices in the state secretariat building within two weeks.

The PAS Central Committee will convene on August 17 to discuss PKR’s proposal to replace Khalid with its president, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

Tonight, PAS's political bureau will meet to discuss their political observations, which will be presented to the committee on Sunday.

The PAS Shura Council last week decided to support Khalid to remain as menteri besar, despite the fact that he was a PKR member.

But PKR sacked Khalid on Saturday for defying the party's orders to step down and make way for Dr Wan Azizah. – August 14, 2014.

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