

I have replied PKR's show cause letter, says Khalid
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Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said today he has replied the show cause letter his party issued to him yesterday, and added he would also announce his decision on his position as Selangor menteri besar after the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) leadership council meeting this Sunday.

"I understand that on August 10 there will be a meeting among Pakatan Rakyat leaders. I shall issue a press statement after the meeting.

"I have responded to their letter. Once they receive it, they should act transparently and make public the letter to all PKR members," he said during the launch of Klang's third bridge today.

Khalid said that while many quarters were pressuring him to step down, he took it as a challenge to improve his administration's performance.

He added that regardless what the parties decide this Sunday, the decision would ultimately hinge on the Selangor legislative assembly as well as the Sultan of Selangor's consent.

"I am having fun because everything I do gives me the spirit to work for the people of Selangor. Because of such pressure, I must work faster and do things correctly.

"Whether I stay on as the menteri besar or not, it will be determined by due process as mentioned in the state enactment. Now it is all just talk, nothing is being implemented.

"That is why I am still doing my job as menteri besar with full enthusiasm and responsibility," he said.

Khalid added that all documents pertaining to PKR's allegations on the out of-court settlement over the RM66.67 million debt with Bank Islam had been submitted to

the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

“It is better than I not comment on this issue. Because Bank Islam is involved in this, I will personally write a letter to Bank Islam,” he said.

Yesterday, PKR revealed that the person behind the settlement of Khalid's RM66.67 million debt with Bank Islam is former Umno lawyer Tan Sri Rashid Manaf.

This was mentioned following the release of a report to Pakatan Rakyat's top leaders outlining six reasons PKR wants Khalid to quit his post as menteri besar of Malaysia's wealthiest state.

PKR strategy director Rafizi Ramli told a forum in Kuala Lumpur last night that the settlement had cast aspersions on Khalid's integrity, and that was the main reason why they had initiated the Kajang Move in January.

Meanwhile, when asked to comment on the letter that purportedly revealed PKR offering him a slew of compensations in return for his resignation, Khalid said such offers were unnecessary.

He added that the letter indicated the maturity level of Malaysian politics, and urged PKR to avoid getting embroiled in such affairs.

“Offer? There is no need to make such offers. What is the point? I must show my maturity and ensure respect is given to the voters of Selangor.

“The rakyat do not want such things. They will say it is bribery. Thank you very much,” said Khalid.

PKR today denied issuing the letter, which was said allegedly issued by PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution to allow for the smooth transition of Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the new Selangor menteri besar.

The letter states that if Khalid agrees to step down, he would be appointed the chairman of the water restructuring committee, the Selangor economic adviser with an allowance of RM50,000 a month, and perks similar to that of a menteri besar.

It also mentions that all of Khalid's political and financial transgressions will be covered up and no investigations would be launched against him. – August 6, 2014.

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