

Sunday is D-Day for Pakatan's future, warns Kit Siang
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DAP's Lim Kit Siang (pic) has warned that Pakatan Rakyat's future is at stake this Sunday, when PAS leaders meet to decide whether to stick with embattled Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim or to agree to his removal.

"Pakatan Rakyat is faced with the worst crisis since its formation after the 12th general election in April 2008.

"Can Pakatan Rakyat survive its worst crisis of confidence?" asked the DAP parliamentary leader in a statement today.

Alarmed with the ongoing developments of the Selangor MB crisis, Lim said August 10 will see whether the three-party coalition could continue to embody the hopes of Malaysians in bringing about change and new politics.

He said the political imbroglio over the last two weeks on the issue had undermined public confidence in the six-year-old Pakatan to be an alternative coalition to rival Barisan Nasional.

Lim, who is also the Gelang Patah MP, said this would depend on the commitment of all Pakatan leaders to adhere to the original aspirations of the pact as well as the common policy framework.

"If all Pakatan Rakyat leaders, whether DAP, PAS or PKR, continue to be guided by the Pakatan common policy principles and framework so as to give hope to Malaysians for the long-needed changes in the political landscape in the country so that Malaysia can become a united, just, democratic, competitive and prosperous nation which holds itself out as beacon of light of a successful multi-racial and multi-religious nation to the rest the world, then Pakatan will forge ahead from strength to strength to its destiny to replace the Umno/BN coalition in the 14th general election.

"The alternative is too horrendous to contemplate for Pakatan will be relegated to

the footnotes of Malaysian history," he added.

Pakatan is facing political turmoil after PKR insisted that Khalid be replaced with its president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

While DAP agreed that Khalid should make way, several PAS top leaders as well as its influential Shura Council threw their support behind the Selangor MB.

PKR also appears to be split between those who want their president to replace Khalid, and supporters of deputy president Azmin Ali, who want the latter for the state's top post.

Yesterday, a PKR press conference to announce the Selangor PKR's support for Dr Wan Azizah ended in chaos when another press statement endorsing Azmin was distributed to the media.

Meanwhile, PKR and DAP leaders have made public their grievances over Khalid's administration, and have cast doubts on his integrity, a move denounced by some as airing dirty laundry.

Khalid, however, has remained defiant to his party's move to oust him, and claimed the show-cause letter issued to him by PKR was defective.

The rift between the three parties worsened last week when a screenshot of a discussion among PAS leaders on Whatsapp was leaked.

It showed PAS's Research Centre operations director Dr Mohd Zuhdi Marzuki suggesting that the Islamist party team up with Umno to form a simple majority government, retaining Khalid as the MB. – August 7, 2014

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