

**PKR sets Friday for Khalid disciplinary hearing on 6 issues**  
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The PKR disciplinary board has set Friday to hear Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim's explanation for disobeying a party directive to resign as Selangor menteri besar, an issue that is dividing the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) coalition.

Party disciplinary board chief Datuk Dr Tan Kee Kwong has also asked Khalid to explain five other issues: the Selangor water restructuring plan, new MB allowances, trading licence tax hike, his Bank Islam loan settlement and the contentious Kidex highway proposal.

Khalid has been asked to attend the disciplinary hearing at 3pm on Friday at the party headquarters in Tropicana or before noon on Saturday.

"If the date and time is not suitable, the board also proposed another date and time, which is before noon on Saturday," Dr Tan said in a statement today.

Pakatan is facing political turmoil over who should be the menteri besar in Malaysia's richest state.

PKR and DAP wanted former corporate captain Khalid removed, but PAS had thrown a spanner in the works when its president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang supported the PKR man to finish his term.

PKR also appears to be split between those who want their president to replace Khalid, and supporters of deputy president Mohamed Azmin Ali, who believe he is the best man to take up the top position.

A PKR press conference to announce the Selangor PKR support for Dr Wan Azizah as the new menteri besar ended in chaos yesterday, when a second press statement was distributed to the media, endorsing Azmin instead.

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

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.

PAS lawmaker Nasrudin Hassan yesterday sprung to Khalid's defence and urged Pakatan to instead condemn DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng for the multi-billion ringgit Penang Tunnel project, sparking criticism from DAP for his "malicious slander".

PKR strategy director Rafizi Ramli said on Tuesday that PAS was also the reason why PR had yet to reach a consensus on the potential prime minister candidate, a statement which PAS secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali described as "stupid".

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

PAS Research Centre operations director Dr Mohd Zuhdi Marzuki spoke about the possibility of teaming up with rival Umno to form a simple majority government, while retaining Khalid as menteri besar.

He said such a move could allow them to "swat away" the DAP, churches and non-Muslims who protested over raids and the tussle over the use of the word "Allah". – August 8, 2014.

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