

PKR, DAP Voice Objection To Sacking Of ExcOs
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PETALING JAYA, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- DAP and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Tuesday voiced objection to the move by Selangor Menteri Besar (MB) Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim to sack six state executive councillors from the two parties who do not support his administration of the state.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng and PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in a joint press conference in Petaling Jaya, Tuesday night said the action by the menteri besar was questionable under the law.

"We cannot understand how the Selangor MB can sack more than half of state executive councillors (excOs). There are 10 excOs in all," he said.

Abdul Khalid in an earlier press conference had said that he had received the consent of the Sultan of Selangor to remove the six excOs.

Three are from the DAP namely Datuk Teng Chang Khim, V.Ganabatirau and Ean Yong Hian Wah while Elizabeth Wong Keat Ping, Rodziah Ismail and Dr Daroyah Alwi were those from PKR given the boot.

Lim said Abdul Khalid could not sack them because his mandate (to be MB) came from the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) which is made of PKR, PAS and DAP.

"We ask PR supporters to remain patient and calm," he said, adding that some (of the supporters) were angry over the development.

Lim, who is also Penang Chief Minister, said he had contacted PAS secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali to get PAS to ask its four excOs in Selangor not to attend the weekly state exco meeting Wednesday to show solidarity against the sacking of their colleagues.

Meanwhile, Anwar said he shared the DAP's views on the matter.

Teng, (the exco involved), who was also present claimed that Abdul Khalid had yet to get to consent of the Sultan to sack them.

"The sackings are wrong under the law. Abdul Khalid who has been expelled from his party does not have the legitimacy to sack PR excOs," he said, adding that those sacked would still be at their offices tomorrow to clear outstanding work.

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