

**Two Selangor PAS Assemblymen Defy Party, Support Wan Azizah
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- Two PAS Selangor state assemblymen Thursday defied the party's order when they gave their support to PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to replace Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim as Selangor Menteri Besar.

The two assemblymen were Sa'ari Sungib (Hulu Kelang) and Hasnul Baharuddin (Morib).

Hasnul and Saari Thursday joined a media conference with Dr Wan Azizah to state their support for the PKR president as the new menteri besar to replace Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

Dr Wan Azizah, who is also Kajang assemblyman, claimed 30 Selangor assemblymen as well as Hasnul and Saari had declared having no confidence in Abdul Khalid as Menteri Besar.

Following that, Selangor PAS has given the two state assemblymen 24 hours to withdraw their stand which is against the line taken by PAS on the matter.

State PAS secretary, Mohd Khairuddin Othman said if both of them - Hasnul Baharuddin (Morib) and Saari Sungib (Hulu Kelang) failed to do so, they would have to face disciplinary action.

"Selangor PAS takes a serious view of the action by the two PAS state assemblymen as they have acted on their own and for not toeing party line.

"I am advising both state assemblymen to withdraw their support for Dr Wan Azizah or PAS Selangor will start instituting disciplinary actions," he said in a statement here today.

Mohd Khairuddin also viewed the actions of the two assemblymen as hasty and were too obsessed on the issue when the party's top leadership will only be taking an official stand at its central committee meeting this Sunday.

"PAS has its proper hierarchy which we must adhere to. We will abide by whatever decision made by PAS central on Aug 17. So be patient," he said.

The Selangor state assembly now has 56 seats with PAS and DAP having 15 seats each, PKR (13), Barisan Nasional (12) and Independent (1).

Prior to this, PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang defended Abdul Khalid to remain as menteri besar as according to him, Abdul Khalid had done nothing wrong in carrying out his duties for the people.

Also sharing the view was PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat who questioned the motives of certain parties in trying to drop Abdul Khalid from the post.

PAS' Ulama Council also concurred with the PAS president to allow Abdul Khalid serve out his term.

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