

PAS Supports Wan Azizah And Azmin Ali As Selangor MB Candidates
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- PAS on Sunday announced the party no longer support the leadership of Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim as Selangor Menteri Besar.

In announcing its stand that was quite confusing, PAS said it also directed the party's four exco members to be retained in the administration of the state government under Abdul Khalid's leadership.

The party has nominated two names, namely PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and her deputy Mohamad Azmin Ali as the candidates for the new Menteri Besar to replace Abdul Khalid.

The decision was reached unanimously by the party's top leadership after a special central working committee meeting, effectively withdrawing its previous support to Abdul Khalid.

PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu told reporters after the meeting that the party would not claim the Selangor Menteri Besar's post from PKR and would continue to be committed to Pakatan Rakyat in implementing the 'Tahaluf Siyasi' political cooperation.

"PAS also respects the prevailing spirit in Pakatan Rakyat in nominating names as candidates for Menteri Besar," he said.

Mohamad said PAS did not support Abdul Khalid as Menteri Besar despite getting the consent from the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, because the Port Klang state assemblyman was no longer a PKR member.

He said PAS practised the Tahaluf Siyasi political cooperation with other parties in Pakatan Rakyat and not with the individuals.

"It is the party's (PAS) decision, not the opposition coalition's and it was made without pressure from any quarters," he said.

He said the two names nominated as new Menteri Besar would be discussed in a Pakatan Rakyat Leadership Council meeting in Subang Jaya this evening.

When asked why PAS nominated the two names, Mohamad, however, failed to give a precise reply and only said: "Two names because not 10 (names)."

He said the decision was made and agreed by all PAS leaders at the meeting today.

"We suggested two names and we will determine these two names in a meeting this evening (with PKR and DAP)," he said.

Asked about the post of PAS exco members who were still working with the Selangor state government under Abdul Khalid's administration, Mohamad said they would continue their duties until the transition period.

"This is to ensure service for the people is not affected," he said.

He said the party will also conduct investigations on two state assemblymen who stated their support for Wan Azizah as Selangor Menteri Besar without prior agreement from the party.

The two assemblymen are Hulu Kelang assemblyman Saari Sungib and Morib assemblyman Hasnul Baharuddin.

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