

**PAS duo's actions answer to supporters' prayers, say central committee members**  
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Several PAS central committee members have defended two of its assemblymen who publicly voiced their support for Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, saying the lawmakers' actions were the result of "prayers by the people of Selangor who want to save the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) government".

"The actions of the two PAS assemblymen allow the process to remove Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim as MB to begin, as it has been proved that he does not have the majority support as what he told the Sultan," said a PAS central committee member, who declined to be named.

"The question of whether the Sultan accepts this is not important for now. But the process has begun to show that Khalid does not have the majority."

The PAS leader said he was worried that if this did not happen, certain quarters would take advantage of the situation to rope in Umno assemblypersons as state excos.

He said the support of Hasnul Baharuddin and Saari Sungib, the PAS assemblymen for Morib and Hulu Kelang respectively, effectively gave Dr Wan Azizah the majority (30) in the 56-member state assembly, although PAS has yet to officially make a decision.

PAS member Datuk Tamrin Tun Ghafar, who was formerly an Umno leader, called on all Pakatan leaders to forget the weaknesses of parties within the coalition, and prioritise the unity of the opposition pact.

"Don't sacrifice this group that is beginning to be accepted by all just because we

want to prove our respective points," he said in a statement to The Malaysian Insider.

Since July 23, leaders and members of PR component parties have been attacking one another following the MB crisis.

Despite PKR's decision to remove Khalid as MB, PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang has openly stated his support for the embattled MB which drew the ire of the Islamist party's PR allies.

PKR's action in roping in Hasnul and Saari to support Dr Wan Azizah's candidacy was something that PAS viewed as unreasonable.

Its secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali said that the party will investigate the matter, and ordered Selangor PAS to lodge a report.

At the party's political bureau meeting on Thursday, PAS stressed that its decision to allow its four leaders to remain as excos was to prevent the Selangor PR government from collapsing.

"We still consider (Selangor) a Pakatan government, so these four are still there even after DAP and PKR (excos) have been sacked," Mustafa said.

"It's not that we necessarily support the (current) menteri besar. Under the law, the government has to have a minimum of four excos."

DAP and PKR had previously urged PAS excos not to join the meeting with Khalid as a sign of solidarity after the MB sacked five excos from the two parties. – August 16, 2014.

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