

PAS not only one to blame if Pakatan breaks up, says veteran member

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A former PAS leader and veteran journalist said PKR and DAP were not doing enough to save Pakatan Rakyat (PR) from breaking up, saying it was always convenient to blame PAS.

"PAS still loves PR," tweeted Subky Abdul Latif (pic) on August 14.

"It just does not agree with the sacking of the Selangor MB just as how PKR and DAP do not agree to hudud."

The Selangor Menteri Besar crisis is threatening to split Pakatan after top PAS leaders openly opposed the decision to replace Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, who was sacked from PKR last Saturday after he refused to make way for PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail for the MB post.

Several PAS leaders, including its president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, have expressed their support for the embattled Khalid. A final decision by the party is expected to be made as PAS's central committee members meet tomorrow.

Subky said should the opposition coalition break up, the blame is not solely on PAS.

"If PR breaks up, is it only PAS's fault? If it did indeed breaks up, what is Anwar/PKR doing to avoid the split and what is Kit Siang doing to save PR?" he asked, referring to PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang.

Both leaders have expressed disappointment over PAS's support for Khalid.

Subky further claimed that other members of Pakatan "are not doing anything to

save PR".

"Blaming PAS is an easy job. Saving PR is everybody's responsibility," said the former Federal Territory PAS commissioner.

PR leaders, including several from PAS, have questioned the Islamist party for dragging its feet on such a crucial matter, urging it to make a stand immediately.

PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub responded by saying that changing the MB "is not as simple as replacing a village chief".

PAS's Selangor assemblymen, Saari Sungib (Hulu Kelang) and Hasnul Baharuddin (Morib), meanwhile, have openly declared their support for Dr Wan Azizah, giving her a majority of 30 in the 56-member Selangor state assembly.

And in a further show of defiance to party leaders, PAS vice-president Datuk Husam Musa yesterday said Khalid's legitimacy as MB was over, telling Khalid to know his limits when riding on PAS to stay in power.

"The party should not be dragged any further into this controversy for his own survival.

"He can get sympathy, temporary protection and support from PAS in the spirit of the PR coalition and PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had also extended the olive branch to him.

"But that episode is over," Husam said in his open letter. – August 16, 2014.

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