

**Azmin remains mum on PAS nominating him as Selangor MB**  
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PKR deputy president Azmin Ali has urged all parties not to jump the gun over PAS's proposal to submit his name as one of the two candidates for the post of Selangor menteri besar.

"Let's wait for the Pakatan Rakyat leadership (to meet today). Let the council decide first, then I will comment," he told The Malaysian Insider today.

He was asked to comment on PAS's decision today to support both Azmin and PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to replace embattled Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim who was sacked from the party last week and take on the top job in the country's wealthiest state.

PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu announced this after the party's central committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur today.

"We have unanimously agreed to suggest two names to replace Khalid," he said.

The Pakatan Rakyat leadership council is meeting this afternoon and will make known its final decision later.

PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu gestures as he walks out of the PAS headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, today. – The Malaysian Insider pic by Afif Abd Halim, August 17, 2014. PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu gestures as he walks out of the PAS headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, today. – The Malaysian Insider pic by Afif Abd Halim, August 17, 2014. Mat Sabu, at the press conference, said PAS would stand by the Pakatan Rakyat coalition, even as the crisis threatened to break up the opposition pact.

"The four Selangor executive council members from PAS will also remain in the state government to ensure service to the people is not disrupted."

He was reading from a statement signed by PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, who chaired the two-hour meeting but did not attend the press conference.

Hadi reportedly refused to endorse Dr Wan Azizah's nomination. He was also part of the Shura Council that backed Khalid as MB on August 7.

Asked if today's decision ran contrary to the Shura Council, Mat Sabu said Khalid was no longer their concern.

"Khalid's name does not arise any more. He has been sacked (from PKR) and is no longer in PR," said Sabu.

"We collaborate with the party, not the individual."

He also refused to state whether or not PAS preferred Dr Wan Azizah or Azmin to replace Khalid, noting that the party had suggested both names.

PAS would explain to PR during its meeting this evening why it had suggested a second candidate. – August 17, 2014.

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