

Khalid won't cling to MB post, says ex-aide
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Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim's former political secretary today defended the embattled Selangor Menteri Besar, dismissing claims that he would cling on to his post.

"Any handing over of power should be made based on the laws. Khalid is not adamant about staying in office," Faekah Husin told Berita Harian today.

She described as "evil" the claim that Khalid would try to remain as MB at all costs.

"This is a negative and evil portrayal of Khalid as it is not his intention.

"He has mentioned several times that the appointment and sacking of a menteri besar should be done in a courteous and dignified manner," said Faekah.

On whether Khalid would form or join another political party, Faekah replied that "it is better to wait and see what is his next course of action".

Her comments come ahead of a PAS central committee meeting today to decide on the party's official stand in the MB crisis which has threatened to tear apart Pakatan Rakyat (PR).

Top PAS leaders as well as its influential Shura Council have supported Khalid's decision to remain in his post.

Following Khalid's sacking last week, it is expected that PAS would now propose other candidates for the post. PKR and DAP have endorsed Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to replace Khalid as the MB.

Khalid has sacked five DAP and PKR exco members.

Faekah said Khalid had taken the right action in refusing to resign as Selangor MB to ensure that the Pakatan Rakyat government still led Malaysia's wealthiest state.

She also said Khalid's actions were not appreciated by certain groups, to the extent that his own party decided to sack him.

"Just imagine if Khalid had followed PKR's orders and stepped down as decided by the party on July 21.

"At that time, the entire exco would have to resign and Selangor would be leaderless and rudderless," she told Berita Harian.

She said up till today, PKR and DAP had yet to reach a common consensus on who should replace Khalid.

"Moreover, the sultan of Selangor has yet to be consulted on the issue, which means the entire process could take almost a month.

"What would happen in Selangor during that period without a state government?" Faekah asked.

She said Khalid was trying to save Selangor from being embroiled in further chaos, but was instead accused of being power hungry.

"Because of this, Khalid was sacked by PKR for supposedly breaking the party's laws," she told Berita Harian.

Faekah, the chief executive officer of Menteri Besar Incorporated, did not rule out the possibility that PKR had evil intentions in sacking Khalid.

This was because the process in which Khalid was tried and allegedly found guilty was considered unfair, she added.

She said the issue of Khalid's sacking from PKR should be handed over to the Registrar of Societies to determine if it was warranted. – August 17, 2014.

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