

PAS proposes Wan Azizah, Azmin Ali for Selangor MB post
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PAS sealed Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim's fate as Selangor menteri besar today, when it announced support for PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and her deputy, Azmin Ali to take the top job in the country's wealthiest state.

"We have unanimously agreed to suggest two names to replace Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah and Azmin Ali," said PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu, also known as Mat Sabu, after attending a meeting with the PAS Central Committee today.

He told a press conference at the party's headquarters that PAS would also stand by the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) coalition, even as the crisis has 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."

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

Hadi has reportedly refused to endorse Wan Azizah's nomination and was part of the Shura Council that decided on August 7 that Khalid should remain MB.

But when asked if today's decision ran contrary to the Shura Council's decision, 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 and the reason it chose Azmin.

When asked whether this meant PAS supported a female menteri besar, Sabu refused to be drawn.

"We proposed two names and this will be brought to the PR meeting."

He added that the two PAS assemblymen who had decided to back Dr Wan Azizah would be investigated.

Hulu Kelang assemblyman Saari Sungib and Morib assemblyman Hasnul Baharuddin were the first state lawmakers from Selangor PAS to back Dr Wan Azizah to take over as Selangor menteri besar. – August 17, 2014.

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