

**Stick to your principles and reclaim your pride, Utusan tells PAS
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PAS will not only emerge as a stronger party but also restore its pride if it takes a courageous stand on the Selangor issue, Umno mouthpiece Utusan Malaysia reported today.

The leaders of the Islamist party are meeting today to discuss the current standoff in Selangor between Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim and PKR.

Awang Selamat, the pseudonym for Utusan's collective editorial voice, said that from as far back as 2008, it had predicted that PAS would face major problems with PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Anwar's supporters within PAS would believe any explanation or rationale as long as it was in the interests of the opposition coalition," Awang said.

"The irony is that while DAP and PKR were capable of doing anything which benefitted their own agenda and objectives, PAS was reduced to being a running dog."

Awang said that in Penang, there were no PAS members elected to the exco.

"It is hoped that PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and the Shura Council stick to their earlier stand," he added.

Awang was referring to Hadi's support for Khalid together with the Shura Council, as PAS has rejected PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the candidate for the Selangor MB post.

PKR has been pushing for Dr Wan Azizah to be named as the new MB to replace Khalid, who was sacked by the party a week ago.

"Anwar's tactics, scheming and political investments are beginning to pay dividends. Day by day, PAS appears to be controlled by those loyal to Anwar," Awang said.

"At present, at least half of the present PAS leaders appear to be siding with Anwar although the party is headed by Hadi and spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat."

Awang said this was the first time in PAS's history that the party was in the shadow of a political leader who was an outsider.

"While other political parties in Malaysia are still defending their identity and dignity, PAS appears to be in a state of chaos.

"It is strange that while the majority of the rakyat have rejected Anwar for moral reasons, there are still PAS leaders who want to support him."

Awang said it was sad that in the ongoing Selangor tussle, there were pro-Anwar factions within PAS who had shown disrespect towards Hadi and Nik Aziz.

"Today's central committee meeting will be fascinating as it will reveal who is stronger, Hadi and Nik Aziz or the pro-Anwar faction." – August 17, 2014.

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