

**Selangor MB crisis all PKR's fault, says Hadi**  
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The Selangor menteri besar crisis is PKR's doing, said PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, in response to criticism that the Islamist party was dragging the matter with its fickle decisions and internal strife.

PAS, said Hadi, was helping "its friend" PKR, which started the crisis with its "Kajang move" to replace Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

"The problem in Selangor is not our problem. The problem was started by our friend and we are forced to help resolve it," said Hadi during a question-and-answer session on September 4 in Rusila, Terengganu.

The video interview has been uploaded on YouTube and was aired on Umno-controlled television station TV3 last night on its prime-time news programme, Buletin Utama.

Hadi and a faction of PAS conservatives have been criticised by its allies in Pakatan Rakyat for its behaviour throughout the crisis.

Hadi has backed Khalid, a former corporate captain, since his sacking from PKR and even when both PKR and DAP agreed to his removal as MB.

PAS's central committee, on which Hadi also sits, eventually decided to nominate PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and her deputy, Azmin Ali, as candidates for the menteri besar post.

But it emerged by the end of the week that Hadi had nominated three other Selangor PR leaders, other than Dr Wan Azizah, as the new MB.

His nominations were reportedly sent to the palace directly from the PAS, by-passing the central committee.

Hadi's latest move contradicts DAP and PKR's stand to nominate only Dr Wan Azizah.

In the video recording, Hadi also spoke on why he disagreed with PKR's rationale for wanting to replace Khalid, as well as his misgivings about the Kajang move to force a by-election in the state assembly seat.

The move was to get PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim elected as a member of the Selangor legislature so that the Federal opposition leader could take over as menteri besar.

After Anwar was disqualified from contesting because of his sodomy trial, PKR chose

his wife, Dr Wan Azizah to replace him as Kajang candidate.

Before the Kajang move was initiated, Hadi said Khalid had been brought to the PR presidential council, the coalition's highest decision-making body, to explain himself.

"PAS was represented by myself, (party secretary-general) Datuk Mustafa Ali and (vice-president) Salehuddin Ayub.

"PKR was represented by Anwar, Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and Rafizi Ramli. From DAP Lim Kit Siang, Anthony Loke, and Tony Pua," Hadi said.

The presidential council had grilled Khalid on a range of issues and the latter had adequately responded, according to Hadi, who said the council had been satisfied with Khalid's replies.

"He answered all the questions. He was able to answer them until there were no points for those who were asking questions. Everyone agreed," Hadi said, without explaining what the issues were.

Then, Hadi said, PAS was caught by surprise when the Kajang seat was suddenly vacated so that a by-election could be held.

"We were shocked when the Kajang seat was vacated. A seat which PR won. The state assemblyman was asked to resign. We were told of this and there was no meeting at all (to discuss it).

"No discussion. We were just suddenly told. We did not agree with it as we just finished the general election (last year)."

At the time, PAS was promised that the Kajang move had nothing to do with the Selangor menteri besar's post.

"We went along with the Kajang by-election. The issue of who became MB did not arise. This was the decision. It was only after that did the MB problem crop up... about wanting to replace the MB."

Hadi also said in the video that he disagreed with the choice of Dr Wan Azizah as menteri besar because she was "unqualified" for the job.

"I don't agree with the candidate because it is against Islamic principles. Islamic principles state that it must be someone qualified."

In the last part of the recording, Hadi explained why he decided to break with his own central committee, and with PKR and DAP, by submitting the names of three assemblymen for the menteri besar's post.

The decision was based on the Selangor palace's request for each PR party to submit more than two names, he said.

"We cannot treat the ruler like he is a 'tunggul kayu' (a Malay proverb which describes something which is present but cannot think for itself). There are some of us who want to turn the ruler into a 'tunggul kayu'. You cannot do that.

"I was made to understand that the ruler wants more than two names. More than means three, four, five or 10 names." – September 7, 2014.

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