

We will not accept Selangor MB post, PAS tells Pakatan partners
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PAS will reject the position of Selangor Menteri Besar even if it is offered the post, its deputy president Mohamad Sabu said today, despite party president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang having named one or more of its assemblymen for the position.

Mohamad Sabu said this after a PAS central committee meeting today.

Also at the meeting was PAS secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali, who said the party's position was still the same as had been conveyed to the Pakatan Rakyat leadership council earlier.

"We are leaving it to the Sultan of Selangor," he added..

At a meeting on August 17, the PAS central committee had decided to nominate both PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and her deputy, Azmin Ali, as Selangor MB.

The committee was by-passed when Hadi independently submitted the names of three other assemblymen to the Selangor Palace. Among the names submitted were Selangor PAS commissioner Iskandar Samad, who is the Chempaka assemblyman.

Mustafa, however, said Iskandar's name being sent to the palace would not be an issue.

The majority of the state assemblymen are still backing Dr Wan Azizah, who is also the Kajang assemblyman, for the post. PKR has obtained statutory declarations from 30 legislators, including two from PAS, in support of her.

The central committee today reaffirmed its plan to stick to its earlier decision.

Mohamad Sabu, or Mat Sabu as he is popularly known, was asked what PAS would do if the Sultan of Selangor appointed a PAS assemblyman as the new menteri besar.

"We'll reject it," he said.

Mustafa also said that today's meeting confirmed that the menteri besar post belonged to PKR. He downplayed the nomination of Iskandar's name and said that the Sultan had asked for more than two names as a suggestion.

"PAS agrees that the post is for PKR", he said, adding that Hadi had been informed of the decision made at the meeting today.

Hadi did not attend the meeting, which was chaired by Mat Sabu.

Mustafa said he believed that Hadi agreed with the decision. – September 7, 2014.

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