

PR no longer functions formally, says PKR president

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KUALA LUMPUR, Opposition leader Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail has said Pakatan Rakyat (PR) no longer “functions formally”, casting even more doubt on the survival of the Opposition coalition.

The PKR president’s declaration came two days after DAP said PR had ceased to exist, following the it’s spat with fellow component, PAS over the introduction of hudud.

PKR’s stance on PR, Dr Wan Azizah explained in a statement, was based on the resolution which was accepted without debate at PAS’ 61st Muktamar where the Islamist party decided to sever ties with DAP.

“PKR will continue to pioneer efforts to build a coalition among political parties, non-governmental organisations, groups and influential individuals to defeat Barisan Nasional.”

Expressing regret at the decision by PKR’s two allies, she also said that DAP’s announcement was “hasty”.

“In light of this, the political coalition that is Pakatan Rakyat no longer functions formally.

“Even so, we are thankful to Allah for the spirit and cooperation of Pakatan Rakyat in Selangor under the leadership of Menteri Besar Azmin Ali and in the leadership of the Penang Chief Minister, Lim Guan Eng continues.

“In the same spirit, and based on the Pakatan Rakyat Common Policy Framework, PKR will continue to give support to Menteri Besar of Kelantan Datuk Ahmad Yaakob.”

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