

Kit Siang claims Abdul Hadi would never endorse Anwar as PM candidate

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KUALA LUMPUR, DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang today revealed that the Pakatan Rakyat crisis might have come earlier should the opposition coalition had been successful in winning the majority of the parliamentary seats in the last 13th General Election (GE13).

“This is because PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had never accepted opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as the coalition candidate to be the Prime Minister,” he said in a statement today.

Lim said this in response to Hadi’s statement claiming that despite PAS’ decision to sever ties with DAP, the coalition still exist although he had repeatedly said that Pakatan Rakyat is dead.

“Hadi not only violated the Pakatan Rakyat’s Common Policy Framework but acted in utter disregard of the PR consensus operational principle as if he could override decisions taken by the PR Leadership Council in the same way he had no qualms about overriding decisions taken by the PAS Central Working Committee.

“With such a background, I find it astounding that Hadi could now claim that Pakatan Rakyat is not dead, when the PR Secretariat had for the past year find it almost impossible to fix a meeting when the PAS president could attend.”

The Gelang Patah MP added that, instead of debating on “whether Pakatan Rakyat is dead or just ‘pengsan’ (fainted)” the more important question is on the people’s hope and aspiration for political change in the country.

“The majority electoral support achieved by Pakatan Rakyat in the GE13 had nothing to do with any religious or sectarian objectives, whether hudud implementation or an Islamic State.

“This is why any violation of the PR Common Policy Framework is in fact a breach of the mandate given by 53% of the voters to the Pakatan Rakyat parties in the GE13.

“One political reality all Malaysians must accept is that no one race or political party can run this country.”

The dispute between PAS and DAP started after PAS tabled the Islamic hudud bill in February which saw criticism by DAP.

PAS’ decision to continue with the tabling of the bill has led to DAP announcing to cut ties with PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang.

PAS in response to this action, announced a motion to sever ties with DAP during their 61st muktamar recently.

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