

PKR Youth makes U-turn on Pakatan Rakyat issue

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KUALA LUMPUR, In an apparent U-turn in its stance on Pakatan Rakyat, PKR Youth chief Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad has clarified that the stand his deputy had made yesterday was not the official stand of the party's wing.

In a brief statement today, Nik Nazmi said that PKR Youth remains committed and in line with the party's official stand which was made by its president.

He said that the decision made by PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail who recently said Pakatan Rakyat had ceased to function formally was the decision that PKR Youth stands by.

"Please be informed that the statement titled 'Pendirian AMK Terhadap Pakatan Rakyat' dated June 20 was not the official stand of the Angkatan Muda Keadilan (AMK)."

The latest about turn came after PKR Youth deputy chief Dr Afif Bahardin had said that for PKR Youth, Pakatan Rakyat was still in existence and was still relevant as it still had the support of the public.

"It is the people's decision. If the rakyat say in the next general election that this coalition is no longer relevant, only then will it be the end of Pakatan Rakyat," he said during a media conference held at the PKR headquarters yesterday.

When asked on the method that could be used to glue back the relationship between PAS and DAP in ensuring Pakatan Rakyat's survival, Dr Afif said all three parties of the coalition needed to sit together and discuss their issues.

"DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang said there was no more Pakatan Rakyat, but this is not an individual party and everyone should have a say in this decision.

"We need to go back to the basic and discuss the issues together, not just leaving the decision-making to the senior leaders. We the youth, too, should have a say in this."

Ever since PAS tabled the hudud bill in February, they had received criticism from DAP. This led to DAP announcing that it was cutting ties with PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang.

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

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