

PKR hopes for stronger opposition alliance after roundtable talks tomorrow

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PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail expressed confidence that the opposition pact negotiation session on Sept 22, 2015 would lead to the formation of an even stronger alliance. — File pic

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 — Although disagreements among allies on the opposition front have so far marred the formation of the new opposition pact to replace Pakatan Rakyat (PR), PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said today she believes tomorrow's session will lead to the formation of an alliance even stronger than the one before.

"I am confident that negotiations tomorrow will contribute towards building a new political cooperation that is even stronger, in line with the people's hope for a more sturdy, harmonious opposition pact that is able to defeat Umno/Barisan Nasional," she said in a statement.

Dr Wan Azizah also confirmed in the statement that she had just concluded a closed-door session with DAP leaders Lim Kit Siang, Teresa Kok and Liew Chin Tong.

The meeting, she said, was to discuss several issues of importance, including the direction of the opposition's struggle as well as tomorrow's roundtable talks.

Yesterday, Dr Wan Azizah insisted that the replacement for PR must take in PAS to have any chance of defeating BN in the next general election, saying this was not possible with just it, DAP and Amanah.

She said she was aware that PAS will not attend this tomorrow's roundtable talks on the formation of the new opposition pact, but added that PAS was welcome should they change their mind.

PKR has repeatedly urged former allies DAP and PAS to put aside their hostilities and direct their energies towards defeating BN.

PKR and PAS were expected to discuss a new opposition coalition to replace the defunct PR, but Dr Wan Azizah said last week talks are still ongoing with no conclusion anytime soon.

PAS said earlier it will remain in the opposition bloc when Parliament reconvenes next month, but has not made a decision on joining a new pact with the other three parties.

PR, which had comprised PKR, PAS and the DAP, broke up earlier this year over the Islamist party's renewed push to enforce hudud in Kelantan.

DAP has since insisted it will not join any coalition with PAS in it.

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