

PKR MP urges PAS-DAP truce as tempers flare

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 — PAS and DAP should have a “cooling off period” and refrain from further public exchanges to preserve ties in Pakatan Rakyat, PKR’s Rafizi Ramli said today.

Rafizi said it was “understandable” that DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang was worried about PR’s future, and that the best way to remedy the situation was PAS and DAP to stop their open hostilities over hudud and other disagreements.

“It is understandable and expected given the spate of changes between DAP and PAS top leaderships in the past three months that (Lim) Kit Siang fears the worst,” the PKR secretary-general told reporters.

“That is why I think the best way to manage it and to preserve Pakatan in spite of whatever results that will be in the next two weeks is I think to have a cooling period until after that time.”

Rafizi was referring to the PAS election and muktamar scheduled to take place in two weeks’ time.

PAS has said it plans to re-evaluate co-operation with DAP during its Muktamar in June—after the secular party severed ties with PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang back in March.

During the weekend, Lim mooted an eight-year roadmap for PR to repair frayed ties—his latest proposition after a previous coalition to “Save Malaysia”.

The Gelang Patah MP did not elaborate on his roadmap beyond saying it included the PR parties reaffirming their commitment to the Common Policy Framework and consensus policy.

Disagreement over hudud has caused PAS-DAP ties to devolve to the point of open insults and attacks between the leaders of the two parties.

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