

Pakatan not over yet, there's still PKR, says Nik Abduh
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PAS Youth chief Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Abdul Aziz insisted today that the Pakatan Rakyat coalition is still intact, despite DAP's declaration that the coalition had ceased to exist.

He argued that since the Islamist party's other partner, PKR, had yet to make a decision on the matter, technically PAS is still part of Pakatan.

"We are still with Pakatan. DAP's decision will not dissolve the coalition. It was DAP's decision and we are not leaving PR," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby today.

Nik Abduh was asked to comment on reports that DAP's central executive committee had last night accepted the motion by PAS at its muktamar to sever ties with DAP.

"Effectively... Pakatan Rakyat ceases to exist," DAP's secretary-general Lim Guan Eng was quoted as saying in a statement today.

Following this, PKR leaders are expected to meet tonight to discuss the latest development.

The PR coalition was formed by PKR, DAP and PAS on April 1, 2008, after the 12th general election. It is said to be the strongest opposition force to date, posing a serious threat to ruling coalition Barisan Nasional.

Cracks between PAS and DAP grew after PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang pushed for the implementation of hudud, an Islamic penal code, in Kelantan.

Even without DAP, Nik Abduh said PAS would remain in PR and wait for PKR's next course of action.

"This means that if DAP pushes us away, we still have PKR. Whatever it is, we will wait for PKR to make a decision," he said.

Meanwhile, PAS's Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad described DAP's announcement as a hard lesson that the Islamist party should learn when forming alliances, especially after delivering the motion to cut ties with DAP at their recently concluded muktamar.

"DAP's decision was made as a direct result of the motion during the muktamar. I hope this will serve as a lesson and that the cooperation is not something that is built overnight.

"It is the result of many years of struggle. But if one does not mind their words and actions... then this is the end result," he said.

Meanwhile, PAS central committee member Nasrudin Hassan said he was surprised by DAP's action and added that the party leader would discuss the matter soon.

"We don't want to comment just yet, we are still getting feedback on it." he said. – June 16, 2015.

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