

**Don't blame DAP for death of Pakatan, says Guan Eng**  
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Lim Guan Eng today hit out at those who blamed DAP for the death of Pakatan Rakyat, insisting it was not the secular party which walked out of the opposition pact.

"How did we leave PR when it was PAS that broke off ties with DAP? PR is formed by the three parties, not by individuals.

"PR was not formed by (PKR de facto leader) Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, (DAP parliamentary leader) Lim Kit Siang and (PAS president) Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang.

"Don't deceive the people. When ties are broken, PR on its own will cease to exist. If they can't understand this, no need to talk further," the DAP secretary-general told a press conference in Komtar, Penang, today.

Bernama in a report earlier this week quoted PAS vice-president Datuk Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah as saying that DAP was anxious to leave PR and break ties with PAS.

The Islamist party at its muktamar earlier this month accepted a motion to sever ties with DAP without debate.

Following this, DAP declared PR dead. This was also echoed by PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail in a statement yesterday.

However, Bernama also reported yesterday that PKR deputy president and Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali believed that PR could still be saved and that the three parties must sit down and hold an urgent discussion.

When asked to comment on this, Lim, who is also Penang chief minister, said Dr Wan Azizah had already issued a statement on her party's position, agreeing that PR no longer existed.

"I don't want to comment on other matters for now... we must face up to the reality that when PAS broke off ties with DAP, the coalition ended on its own," he said.

On whether DAP accepted Dr Wan Azizah's statement, which did not indicate whether her party would work with DAP or PAS, Lim said his party was not dwelling on the matter.

"We have our own position. I don't want to dwell on whether we accept her statement or not.

"Let us allow this situation to be understood by the rakyat first... the situation that PR does not exist any more."

Lim, in a press statement later, said all 30 elected reps from DAP, PKR and PAS have been informed of the state exco's decision to object to PAS's decision to cut ties with DAP.

They were also informed that the PR coalition was dead but the administration of Penang would still proceed as usual based on the mandate by the people, to which Lim said all 30 assemblymen agreed. – June 18, 2015.

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