

**PKR Youth insists Pakatan still exists**  
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PKR's Youth wing said today Pakatan Rakyat (PR) still exists and that DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng had no right to declare the pact dead.

PKR deputy Youth chief Dr Afif Bahardin said only the people could determine if PR was dead or not, since the coalition was formed out of the people's aspirations after the 12th general election.

"It is not up to DAP or any single party in PR to declare it is dead. PR was born as a result of the 12th general election, and in the 13th general election we offered ourselves as PR and won 52% of the votes.

"So only the public can declare PR is dead, and they can do this by not voting for us in the next general election," Dr Afif told a press conference at the party's headquarters in Petaling Jaya.

He said PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail had not declared outright PR had ended in her statement on Wednesday.

"She only said PR 'no longer functions formally'. This only means that PR will stop holding official meetings, but PR still exists. Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the same thing as well in his message from prison."

He urged all PR leaders to set aside their bickering and meet to discuss and strengthen the opposition pact.

"PKR Youth is of the opinion that PR's agenda must continue, and we must do this by calling up all the leaders of PR to come together to the drawing board and place the people's interest above all."

When asked how he expected DAP and PAS to come together, given the animosity between the two parties, Dr Afif reiterated that all leaders must end their conflict.

He said now was not the time to take pot shots at one another or make hasty decisions, "as this will ultimately kill PR".

Dr Afif also shrugged off DAP's suggestion that a new opposition coalition be formed with like-minded parties.

"I don't see how they can form any other coalition. In Selangor, the only other party that exists is Umno, and to ally with them would be impossible."

Yesterday, PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang also insisted PR was not dead yet, adding that said DAP had no right to make such an announcement.

He said PAS had not received any official statement of DAP's disbanding of PR, nor from ally PKR.

PR is a loose coalition formed on April 1, 2008 by DAP, PAS and PKR after the 12th general election. – June 20, 2015.

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