

**Don't get too excited about Pakatan break-up, warns Utusan  
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Umno mouthpiece Utusan Malaysia said today it was not convinced that Pakatan Rakyat (PR) had officially ended, given the different stands taken by DAP and PAS.

Writing under the pseudonym Awang Selamat, the editors of the Malay-language broadsheet said it was now up to PKR to determine the pact's fate, particularly in Selangor.

"Awang is not excited about the turmoil in the opposition pact right now. Everything is still new, the embers might not necessarily turn into flames," Awang Selamat wrote in his column in *Mingguan Malaysia*, the Sunday edition of Utusan Malaysia.

He said this was because PAS President Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had contradicted DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng's statement that PR was over.

"Now it is up to PKR to decide, particularly in the context of the Selangor government. What Awang would like to know is, will Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali stand by the oath he swore as he clutched *Lembing Sembuana* (the traditional spear used during the ceremony)?"

"Will he commit treason and what will the consequences be? Azmin is now at the centre of attention, including speculation that his relationship with the Selangor sultan has grown cold."

Awang also questioned as to whether Azmin would bow down to DAP's alleged demand that they rule the state government without PAS.

Meanwhile, he suggested the new party that the defeated PAS professionals are expected to form will be nothing more than a wing under DAP.

"Even though Awang is sceptical of any splinter parties, it is appropriate for Mat Sabu (Mohamad Sabu) and the rest of his gang that were rejected at the polls to just leave PAS.

"To Awang, Pasma or whatever the new party's name will be, won't be anything more than a Muslim-Malay wing of DAP that will bring a smile to Guan Eng's face," wrote Awang.

Mohamad, who failed to defend his deputy presidency during the PAS congress earlier this month, said he and fellow PAS losers were mulling forming a new party of their own.

He said the leaders want to continue working with DAP, which no longer recognises PAS as an ally.

Pasma has said it will aid in the set up of a new political party and a new opposition pact to replace PR, which Guan Eng declared dead on Tuesday.

PKR has said that PR ceased to function formally as a coalition, but added it will continue to pioneer efforts to build a coalition among political parties, non-governmental organisations, groups and influential individuals to defeat Barisan Nasional. – June 21, 2015.

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