

**Wan Azizah says Pakatan still here, but in spirit**  
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In spirit, the Pakatan Rakyat coalition is still around, PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said today.

She said the Pakatan secretariat and its state level outfits still operated.

"In all the Pakatan states, it still works, even though Penang does not call it Pakatan anymore.

"But on the working relationship, it carries on. Because the CM has said it is business as usual," she said, referring to Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng.

On whether they could still work with each other in a somewhat awkward and hostile situation, Dr Wan Azizah told reporters in Penang that from all the statements that she read, the message was they were still together.

"Because we want to as we oppose the Barisan Nasional government that has been in power for so long.

"All the excesses, leakages and problem of our country... that is basic. We are all on a common platform and that is what we are going on and we can move on from this," she added.

Dr Wan Azizah, who is also the opposition leader and Permatang Pauh MP, said this at Masjid Jamek Kampung Pelet, after attending a Ramadan contribution ceremony for 64 suraus in the parliamentary constituency by Penang Zakat.

Also present were Penang Zakat board chairman Datuk Mohd Salleh Man, who is also PAS's Permatang Pasir rep; Penang PKR chief Datuk Mansor Othman; and PKR Youth deputy chief Dr Afif Bahardin.

In her short speech at the event, she also told her constituents that "everything is under control" and "business is as usual".

She said there was no need for attention to be diverted from issues affecting the nation.

When approached by reporters after the event, Salleh who is the sole PAS rep in Penang said he was working as usual.

"I only work for the public. I am still part of the people's state government of Penang until the next general election comes.

"I am happy to continue my work for the people, namely my electorate in Permatang

Pasir," he said.

Asked if his party was alright with the situation, Salleh said: "That proceeds as normal too. I am still a PAS member."

He said his positions as state rep, Penang Zakat board chairman and president of the Penang Islamic Council remained unchanged.

"I don't have to resign. There is no need to question the matter anymore," he said.

PAS and DAP have ended their seven-year collaboration in Pakatan after their relationship took a nosedive following the passing of the hudud bill in Kelantan in March.

When the new PAS leadership dominated by the conservative ulama faction accepted a motion to break ties with DAP without debate at its muktamar earlier this month, DAP declared Pakatan dead.

In Penang, PAS members holding politically appointed positions had also been told by the DAP-led administration to quit. The state has since terminated one information officer and two councillors from PAS, who did not voluntarily resign.

After DAP pronounced the death of Pakatan last Tuesday, Dr Wan Azizah said PKR regretted both PAS and DAP's respective actions and that their actions meant that the coalition could no longer function. – June 21, 2015.

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