

Rodziah stands by PKR decision on Selangor MB issue
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Selangor executive councillor Rodziah Ismail will stick by PKR's decision on the state menteri besar issue, saying today she wanted to fulfil the mandate given to Pakatan Rakyat (PR) to run the country's wealthiest state.

The Batu Tiga assemblyman's decision meant she risks losing the welfare and women affair's portfolio in the state government led by Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, who was sacked by PKR on Saturday.

"I would like to explain my stand in the context of the latest development in the state administration of Selangor.

"In that context, I agree with the decision of PKR, of which I am a member. My agreement, I believe, is to fulfil the trust and take care of the mandate given by the people in GE13 to Pakatan Rakyat to run Selangor," she said in a three-paragraph statement issued early this morning.

Rodziah also said in the statement that she had been away in Bangkok, Thailand, for the past three days representing PKR in a political course.

Khalid had sacked five other executive councillors from PKR and DAP on Tuesday, leaving only him and four PAS excos in the state government.

The five are Datuk Teng Chang Khim (DAP), V. Ganabatirau (DAP) and Ean Yong Hian Wah (DAP), Elizabeth Wong (PKR) and Dr Daroyah Alwi (PKR).

The remaining Selangor exco members from PAS are Iskandar Abdul Samad, Dr Halimah Ali, Dr Ahmad Yunus Hairi and Sallehen Mukhyi.

Yesterday, Khalid said the sacked excos must vacate their office in two weeks.

He had written to the sultan of Selangor, seeking his approval to sack the six after learning they did not support him as MB.

"I wrote to the sultan about the matter at 2pm yesterday (Tuesday) and His Royal Highness responded in writing two hours later. The sultan had consented for the six to be terminated," he said.

Yesterday, all the excos, except for Rodziah, turned up for work.

On Sunday, the PAS Central Committee will meet to discuss the Selangor crisis, including the possibility of forming a unity government with Umno and retaining Khalid as menteri besar.

Yesterday, Sallehen said the four PAS excos would quit if Khalid appointed Umno lawmakers in the exco.

The religious affairs executive councillor said only the four would assist Khalid in running the state after Khalid sacked the five DAP and PKR executive councillors.

"Umno does not arise. If Umno is in, PAS will leave. They are not in the government," he said.

The four PAS excos attended the exco meeting yesterday despite calls to boycott it by their PR partners, PKR and DAP, as a sign of solidarity with their sacked colleagues. – August 14, 2014.

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