

Wan Azizah to table motion of no-confidence against Najib
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Opposition leader Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said she will file a motion of no-confidence against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak during this session of the Dewan Rakyat.

Wan Azizah said today a previous motion of no confidence against Najib that was submitted by PKR lawmaker Hee Loy Sian would be retracted.

"The opposition pact, Pakatan Harapan, will table a motion of no confidence that will be brought by me under Section 26 of the Standing Order," she told reporters at a press conference following a Pakatan Harapan council meeting in Parliament today.

"There will be a 14-day notice to file this motion. And I hope Hee will retract his motion."

This comes after DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng had expressed dissatisfaction that Hee had submitted the motion instead of Wan Azizah.

He said this morning that the issue, which is of national importance, should be tabled by the opposition leader and not an ordinary lawmaker.

Wan Azizah said today that the opposition would first look into the wordings of the motion to ensure that it will be accepted by the Speaker and entered into order paper 14 days after submission.

"So, we will have to look through carefully.

"Even if we do not succeed, it will be in the records of our Parliament," she said, when asked what would happen if the motion was not successful.

"We have to save our country. The public demands for that. This is one of our chances to do it.

She added that the opposition coalition would be speaking to PAS lawmakers to get them to support the motion.

PKR secretary-general Rafizi Ramli said the motion cannot be rejected, adding that it would not matter if it was not debated.

"Once it appears on the order paper, it's parliament convention that the business of the government be given priority.

"We have the upper hand because we have a solid bloc. Pakatan Harapan has 74 lawmakers plus PAS and PAS has given commitment to vote against Najib," he added.

The prime minister is currently under fire over the scandal surrounding his brainchild, state investment vehicle 1MDB as well as the RM2.6 billion "donation" from an unknown Middle Eastern donor into his personal accounts ahead of the 2013 general election.

PKR had previously said the opposition only needed 25 Barisan Nasional (BN) parliamentarians to support the no-confidence motion to force Najib to step down.

Najib's supporter-turned-critic, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, had also urged BN federal lawmakers to throw their support behind the no-confidence motion. – October 19, 2015.

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