

Call for a Pakatan Rakyat meeting and see who attends, says Pua
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DAP publicity chief Tony Pua today suggested that a Pakatan Rakyat (PR) presidential council meeting be called, to end the debate over whether the opposition coalition still existed.

He rubbished PAS's claim last night that PR was still alive and comprised just the Islamist party and PKR.

"DAP's stand has been said till death: PR doesn't exist anymore.

"If PR exists, perhaps someone can call for a presidential council meeting on PR and see who attends.

"Perhaps only PAS attends, so if that's the case then it doesn't exist lah," Pua told reporters after recording a statement at the Petaling Jaya District Police Headquarters.

He said any cooperation between PKR and PAS had nothing to do with the formal alliance of PR, which he insisted had ended.

PAS deputy president Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said last night that PR was still alive between PAS and PKR, as proven through the support and political collaboration it had in Selangor and Kelantan.

But PKR elections director Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said PR was long buried and that the only political alliance PKR was a part of is Pakatan Harapan, which also comprises DAP and Amanah, a PAS splinter party.

Saifuddin said the four meetings between PAS and PKR so far only saw the two parties exchange views on current issues, as it was PKR's policy to maintain an open and inclusive approach.

When asked about PAS and PKR's continued talks, Pua today said DAP was in no position to stop the two parties from meeting.

"PKR can talk to any party that it wants to talk to, because it's another party, it's not DAP," he said.

But he said if PAS was to join Pakatan Harapan, the party must agree to the coalition's common policy platform once it is unveiled.

"Any party – i think that's been mentioned before – that subscribes to our common policy platform and can work within the coalition framework and is agreeable to the coalition agreement can join Pakatan Harapan," he said.

PAS has refused to join the new pact, saying it can no longer work with DAP after cutting ties with its former ally, and because Amanah leaders were "traitors" for abandoning PAS.

PKR, during its special central leadership meeting on October 11, decided that the membership of Pakatan Harapan will be expanded to try and include PAS as well as Parti Sosialis Malaysia (PSM). – October 25, 2015.

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