

We won't bow to pressure from Selangor DAP rep, says PAS leader

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Selangor PAS said it would not bow to the pressure of a Selangor DAP representative who called for PAS executive councillors to be removed from the state administration line-up.

Selangor PAS commissioner Datuk Iskandar Abdul Samad said the party would maintain its status quo in the administration.

Iskandar, who is also Cempaka assemblyman, said DAP should stop the political intimidation against PAS and remember that the opposition's victory in Selangor in the last general election was due to the agreement and cooperation between PAS, DAP and PKR.

"PAS is still in the state government and our task is to carry out our responsibilities as part of the administration which is focusing on the budget," he told Bernama. Iskandar was commenting on a report which quoted DAP Kajang Baru chairman Chiong Yoke Kong proposing to DAP's top leadership that more pressure be put on Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali to quickly sack PAS representatives in the state administration.

Chiong, who reportedly made the remarks during the Selangor DAP annual convention in Petaling Jaya, was also quoted as saying that if Azmin failed to remove the PAS representatives, DAP would "walk out" of the state government.

Azmin was previously reported as saying that PKR had decided to continue its cooperation with all opposition parties, including PAS in Selangor, and that it did not require the establishment of Pakatan Harapan in the state as was the case in Penang because the political situation in the two states were different.

Selangor DAP vice-chairman Datuk Teng Chang Khim however said the call for Selangor PAS to be removed from the state government's administration line-up would only hurt DAP and PAS.

"It is inappropriate for DAP to walk out because it will not benefit DAP as the seats left vacant by DAP (candidates) will be filled by PKR and PAS... and the same will happen if PAS left, the vacancies will be filled by PKR and DAP," he said. – Bernama, November 3, 2015.

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