

Pakatan Rakyat or Pakatan Harapan? Wan Azizah says both right

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PKR president gives diplomatic answer over conflicting views between Selangor MB Azmin Ali and Penang CM Lim Guan Eng on existence of Pakatan Rakyat.

KUALA LUMPUR: Opposition leader Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail was diplomatic in her take on the Azmin Ali and Lim Guan Eng spat over the existence of the Pakatan Rakyat coalition in Selangor.

Wan Azizah explained the merits of the statements made by both the Selangor menteri besar and Penang chief minister in order to defuse any conflict that could arise between the two state leaders over the issue.

“Azmin won the mandate as MB, with a majority of state assemblymen, including those from PAS, giving him that mandate.

“As an entity, we are now known as Pakatan Harapan. In Selangor, we won as Pakatan Rakyat,” she told FMT.

Azmin had recently said that the now-defunct PR was still alive in the Selangor government.

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Guan Eng, who is also DAP secretary-general, then reminded Azmin that there was no more PR.

Azmin has also come under fire from DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, who called the former’s statement “utterly shocking and unacceptable”.

PR, which was formed in 2008 by PAS, PKR and DAP, was declared dead in 2015 following the fallout between PAS and DAP over hudud.

DAP and PKR then teamed up with Parti Amanah Negara, a PAS splinter party to form Pakatan Harapan in 2015. In March this year, Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) joined the federal opposition coalition.

Despite PR being declared dead, PKR has continued its cooperation with PAS in the Selangor government.

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