

PAS hopes PKR will remain in Kelantan govt

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Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man says PKR members should stay on despite their president saying all members holding posts in PAS-led administration will step down by end July.

KUALA LUMPUR: PAS hopes that PKR will remain in the Kelantan government until the upcoming 14th general election (GE14) despite the decision to pull out its political appointees from the state administration.

Its deputy president Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said there were currently at least 52 PKR political appointees in the PAS-led state government.

“It is PKR’s right to decide what they want to do, but the Kelantan government hopes they will continue to serve until the upcoming general election,” he told reporters here yesterday.

He said if PKR went ahead with its plan, PAS was ready to move in to fill the vacancies that would be created.

PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said Thursday that all PKR members holding posts in the Kelantan administration would step down at the end of next month.

This was in line with the party’s instruction made on May 17, just days after PAS decided to cut ties with PKR, to step down.

This came on the heels of PAS officially ending all political cooperation with PKR on May 11 when its Syura Council endorsed the decision of the party’s muktamar (general assembly).

The council accused PKR of violating the terms of its conditional cooperation with PAS, failing to support the Islamist party in its Islamic agenda, and working against it in the Kuala Kangsar and Sungai Besar by-elections last year.

On a separate matter, Tuan Ibrahim said PAS will decide if it will contest in the Pujut state by-election in Sarawak scheduled for July 4.

“There are two or three factors that we are waiting for, including if the by-election will actually take place,” he said.

The Pujut state seat fell vacant after the incumbent, DAP's Ting Tiong Choon, was disqualified for allegedly possessing an Australian citizenship in the past.

Ting has challenged the disqualification and is seeking a stay on the by-election through a court order.

According to a report in Malaysiakini, the High Court in Kuching will decide on Ting's challenge on June 19, a day before nominations for the by-election are scheduled to take place.

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