

Pakatan Rakyat is no more, Guan Eng reminds Azmin

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The attention should now be on strengthening Pakatan Harapan, Penang CM tells his Selangor counterpart.

GEORGE TOWN: There is no more Pakatan Rakyat (PR), DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng reminded Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali, after Azmin said the now-defunct PR was still alive in the Selangor government.

Lim's reminder comes after Azmin's statement today that PR was still in existence, as it was a "mandate by the rakyat".

Azmin was answering queries from Selangor Amanah leaders who wanted him to stop cajoling PAS to join the new Pakatan Harapan (PH).

"The Penang government is run by Pakatan Harapan. We are all part of PH nationally and there is no more Pakatan Rakyat; that is why there is PH," Lim said at the Penang Development Corporation's Hari Raya open house here today.

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.

Amanah, a splinter party of PAS, and PPBM were admitted into PH later.

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

Recently, Selangor Amanah chief Izham Hashim claimed Azmin was holding back the setting up of the state-level PH secretariat.

Izham said PKR's aim of getting straight fights in the 14th general election by reaching an agreement with PAS was "unrealistic".

Selangor PKR deputy chief Zuraida Kamarudin denied claims put forth by Izham, saying "straight fights" augured better for PH.

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