

Selangor PH Seat Allocation Negotiations 'Normal'

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(The Sun Daily) – Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia’s (PPBM) rejection of the Selangor Pakatan Harapan (PH) state seat negotiations was merely a show of authority, according to Selangor senior executive councillor Datuk Teng Chang Khim.

“It is common for a newcomer. He wants to show his ‘taring’ (fangs).

It is normal. We don’t see any problem (coming from PPBM’s action),” he told a press conference at his office at the state secretariat building.

Last week, Selangor PPBM information chief Sallehudin Amiruddin expressed his disagreement with the seat-sharing arrangement among component parties in PH.

Sallehudin was reported as saying that the party would not accept the outcome of the negotiations, adding that PPBM would only settle with the 12 state seats currently belonging to Umno.

The negotiation among PH members in Selangor worsened as leaders of the various component parties traded barbs publicly over the allocation of the 56 seats in the state.

Teng, who is also a DAP central executive committee member, said regardless of the rejection put up by PPBM, the party will need to abide with the decision agreed to by PH’s top leadership.

He also believes that the slow progress of seat negotiations in Selangor is something that does not need to be worried about, adding that even Barisan Nasional had not concluded its state seat allocation among its component members.

“The Parliament and the state assembly have not been dissolved yet. This (seat negotiation) is a normal process.

“Let the process to go on until the dissolution. There is no need to rush. The seats will not run anywhere,” he said.

According to Teng, the fact that PH is currently serving as the government in Selangor further complicates any attempts to reach a consensus on seat negotiations.

“In states where PH is the opposition, it will be easier. In Selangor, there will be request from various parties,” he said.

“There is an agreement (among parties in Selangor) but it has not been finalised. It is not a big issue,” he added.

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