

Chronology of the Perak Crisis

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| 11-MAR-2008 | Nizar sworn in as MB |
| 25-JAN-2009 | UMNO MLA defects to PKR |
| 29-JAN-2009 | Najib takes over as Perak UMNO chief |
| 30-JAN-2009 | 2 PKR MLAs go missing |
| 1-FEB-2009 | Speaker receives resignation letters from 2 MLAs. Both deny resigning |
| 3-FEB-2009 | EC determines 2 seats not vacated. |
| 4-FEB-2009 | Najib announces defection of 3 PR MLAs. Nizar has audience at Istana Najib has audience at Istana with 3 MLAs |
| 5-FEB-2009 | Istana declares LA will not be dissolved; orders ExCo to resign. ExCo refuses to resign. |
| 6-FEB-2009 | Zambry appointed MB |
| 13-FEB-2009 | Nizar files suit in HC against Zambry (MB v MB) |
| 18-FEB-2009 | Speaker suspends Zambry (and ExCo) for 18 (12) months contempt of the assembly. |
| 28-FEB-2009 | Speaker calls for emergency sitting of LA. Attempts by LA secretary to block sitting |
| 2-MAR-2009 | State Secretary orders locking of LA grounds. Speaker suspends LA secretary Zambry files suit in HC against Speaker (BN v Speaker) |
| 3-MAR-2009 | Speaker convenes LA sitting under a tree. Motions of confidence in PR government calling for dissolution and approving suspension of BN members carried. HC declares sitting invalid and grants restraining order against Speaker. JC Ridwan refuses to hear Speaker's legal team. |
| 6-MAR-2009 | Lau Bee Lan J refers case to FC (MB v MB) |
| 10-MAR-2009 | Speaker files suit in HC against EC (Speaker v EC) |
| 9-APR-2009 | FC rules in favour of EC – all 3 seats not vacant (Speaker v EC) |
| 16-APR-2009 | FC rules in favour of Zambry (BN v Speaker) Speaker has no power to suspend BN ExCo |
| 18-APR-2009 | LA secretary convenes sitting on 7 May. Speaker suspends LA secretary |
| 28-APR -2009 | FC remits case to HC (MB v MB) |
| 7-MAY-2009 | Speaker refuses to commence sitting with BN ExCo and defectors present. BN MLAs vote to remove Speaker. Deputy Speaker Hee orders Serjeant-at-Arms to remove Speaker. Ganesan sworn in as Speaker. Police remove Speaker Sivakumar from chair. |
| 11-MAY-2009 | HC declares Nizar the rightful MB (MB v MB) PR ExCo dismisses State Secretary and LA secretary. |
| 12-MAY-2009 | CA orders stay of HC decision (MB v MB) |
| 22-MAY-2009 | CA overturns HC decision (MB v MB) |
| 19-JUN-2009 | Nizar files leave to appeal to FC (MB v MB) |
| 2-SEP-2009 | Speaker Sivakumar convenes LA sitting. |
| 9-FEB-2010 | FC upholds CA decision (MB v MB) |

CA – Court of Appeal, EC – Election Commission, ExCo – Executive Council, FC – Federal Court, HC – High Court, J – High Court judge, JC – Judicial commissioner, MB – Menteri Besar, MLA – Member of the Legislative Assembly (ADUN), LA – Legislative Assembly (DUN).