

Pahang axes promotions in S'pore ²³

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RAUB: Pahang has suspended all tourism promotions in Singapore because the situation was no longer conducive, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said.

He said the monthly promotions at tourism fairs would be discontinued, citing soured ties between the two countries.

"The Pahang Tourism Secretariat normally conducts tourism promotions in Singapore at least once a month. This will stop.

"A small country like

Singapore should have more respect for neighbours but it seems that it is otherwise. *S/O 8-98*

"Instead of helping the neighbour to overcome the economic crisis, it comes up with petty problems over the Tanjung Pagar issue," Khalil said in his speech before opening the Raub Water Festival on Saturday.

He said that while the region was facing attacks on local currencies and high instances of retrenchments, Singapore chose to be indifferent.

"Rather than stand

united, Singapore has turned selfish and chose to make matters worse by coming up with a trivial issue. Why choose to bring up the issue about the Tanjung Pagar now?" he asked.

Khalil said there must be a hidden agenda on Singapore's part to bring up the issue.

In the meeting with the people of Raub, Khalil also called on the people to stand united behind Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri An-

war Ibrahim to combat the attack by outside forces.

Among those present were Culture, Arts and Tourism Committee chairman Datuk Shahiruddin Ab Moin, Indera Mahkota assemblyman Tin Lian Ker, Cheka assemblyman Fong Fuee Kuee, and Batu Talam assemblyman Syed Ali Syed Mohamad.

Later, Shahiruddin said the tourism secretariat would suspend all promotions in Singapore with immediate effect.