

**1Malaysia logo ban 'frozen', says S'gor exco**  
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Selangor state housing and local government exco Ronnie Liu has moved to quash the controversy over 1Malaysia logo being used in advertising materials by advising all local councils to hold back enforcing the ban until further notice.

Liu (right) said the temporary freeze is because of the confusion over which 1Malaysia logo is deemed to be conveying BN propaganda on advertising materials.

"There is still a grey area on what is regarded as political stunt by BN and what is not," he told Malaysiakini in a phone interview.

According to Liu, many local councils are still unclear over the forms of advertising materials which are subjected to the ban.

He added that he would request a review on the ban at the next state cabinet meeting once Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim returns from vacation, which is expected to be in early January.

"Meanwhile, I advise all local councils to hold back their enforcement of the 1Malaysia logo,"

Liu has nevertheless expressed surprise when told that the Sabak Bernam district council has been enforcing the ban since June this year.

"So far as I know, only Kuala Langat District Council has started removing some billboards with 1Malaysia logo on them.

He insisted that Sabak Bernam was not enforcing the 1Malaysia logo ban.

"(For Sabak Bernam) I don't think they have enforced (the ban), I can still see many 1Malaysia logos in the place," he said.

**1Malaysia shopfront signage not allowed**

Meanwhile, state's tourism, consumer affairs and environment exco Elizabeth Wong consider the government's ban as "simple and straightforward" as it is only limited to billboards and shopfront signages of commercial-related properties.

Wong (left) cited section 17 of Shah Alam City Council (MBSA)'s local advertising by-laws, where she said commercial outlets are prohibited to feature advertisements that contain political messages.

"BN has been campaigning along with 1Malaysia logo during the recent by-elections. The logo hence is part of political propaganda."

Asked whether shopfront signage of 1Malaysia Klinik has breached the law, she said that while the wording of "1Malaysia" is allowed, the logo is not.

"I also disagree with the DAP café putting up their party logo," said Wong, referring to a coffee shop in SS2, Petaling Jaya.

She said banners and buntings are exempted from the ban if they are used for political events such as ceramah.

Liu, on the other hand, refused to be drawn into commenting on Wong's opinion, and whether it reflects Selangor government's policy or just her own personal opinion.

"I will raise the issue at the next exco meeting," said the DAP leader.

Liu on Wednesday said 1Malaysia was regarded as a political message and thus contravenes by-laws of the state's 12 local authorities.

"You don't see any billboard in Selangor carrying the PKR, PAS and DAP logos," Liu told the Star.

### **Ban under heavy fire**

The move by Selangor to ban the 1Malaysia logo has come under heavy fire from BN leaders who claim that the Pakatan Rakyat administration was "scared" that the logo was gaining popularity.

Yesterday, Selangor menteri besar's political secretary Faekah Hussin (right) explained that the ban was a "political decision" to prevent the slogan from being used to cover up BN's wrongdoings.

It has been confirmed that at least seven local authorities - the municipal councils of Kuala Langat, Sabak Bernam, Ampang Jaya, Selayang, Klang, Kuala Selangor and Subang Jaya - have enforced the ban.

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