

Khusrin's appointment 'not final', MB to seek audience
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The Selangor state government has said the appointment of director of the Selangor Islamic Department (Jais) Mohd Khusrin Munawi as the new state secretary is not final.

In what appears to put the Selangor Pakatan Rakyat government and the federal government on a collision course over Mohd Khusrin's appointment, a statement issued by the menteri besar's office states Khalid Ibrahim was never informed over the appointment.

"Following this, the menteri besar has sent a letter to the Selangor sultan regarding the issue and proposal," the statement said.

The statement comes several hours after an earlier announcement was made by the federal government.

This recent development will lead to Mohd Khusrin's (left) appointment hanging in the balance.

Today, Chief Secretary to the Government Mohd Sidek Hassan said in a statement Mohd Khusrin's appointment, effective Jan 1, was approved by the Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

According to the statement from Khalid's office, following interviews, the panel that was formed by the state government had chosen three names who were thought to be appropriate for the post.

"The menteri besar then forwarded the three names to the Sultan for approval," the statement said.

"The menteri besar will seek an audience with the Sultan on Wednesday, Dec 29, to discuss the matter."

Mohd Khusrin is a person no stranger to controversy when Jais took action against popular former Perlis mufti Dr Mohd Asri Zainul Abidin for conducting religious teaching without proper authorisation.

It had taken a similar stance against other Islamic preachers in the past. The department under him was also responsible in taking action against the spread of Wahabi teachings.

The department had also acted on Serdang MP Teo Nie Ching for speaking in a surau, a move which was condemned by Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad as well as Mohd Asri.

