

**MB: Emergency S'gor assembly sitting to be held**  
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Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim will seek an emergency state assembly sitting to amend the state constitution, to allow the state and the Selangor sultan the final say in appointing the state secretary, financial advisor and legal advisor.

This follows the MB's audience with Selangor Sultan Idris Shah this morning when the sultan said (the ruler) has no power to accept or reject an appointment by the Public Service Commission (PSC).

"This is because the power was taken away in 1993 after a constitutional crisis, whereby the Selangor constitution was ammended to centralise power (in) the federal government," the MB told a packed press conference today.

Khalid said the sultan had suggested that the state discuss the matter with the PSC to find "the best solution".

As such, the MB will not attend the swearing-in ceremony for PSC-appointed state secretary candidate Khusrin Munawi at the palace fixed for Thursday.

Khusrin will also be barred from attending any exco meeting or to conduct ex-officio duties until the matter is resolved, he said.

Khalid said, however, that Khusrin's appointment is "legitimate" and that the latter can conduct non-ex officio duties such as overseeing district officers.

**Gov't to study amendments**

The MB, who has yet to meet Khusrin - even though the former Selangor Islamic Affairs Department chief reported for duty today, - said he will write to the PSC and contact Selangor speaker Teng Chang Khim today.

Khalid said further that the amendment to the state constitution will "empower the state" but may require further study before it can be tabled.

"It will probably be two or three weeks before the assembly can convene on this," he said, adding that this, too, was discussed with the sultan.

To call for an emergency sitting, the speaker will need to seek the sultan's consent, as it will take place before the royal address in March.

The state is objecting Khusrin's appointment, saying that it was made without consultation with the MB.

Khusrin is seen as an undesirable candidate, particularly for the Pakatan Rakyat government, as his actions as Jais chief are said to have gone against Pakatan policies

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