

**Dr M: Sultan's consent needed for amendments**  
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The PKR-led Selangor government has still to obtain the consent of the Sultan of Selangor even after it amends the state constitution to revert authority to the sultan and menteri besar in the appointment of the state's top three civil servants, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the matter would eventually depend on whether the state government obtained the signature of the sultan or otherwise because without the signature and consent of the sultan, the amendment would not become law.

"The Selangor government requires a two-third majority in the state assembly session to amend the constitution. I do not know whether they will obtain the two-third majority," he told reporters after delivering a keynote address at seminar on unity at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), here.

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim had said that the state government would convene an emergency session of the state assembly to amend the state constitution to revert to the sultan and the menteri besar the authority to appoint the state's top three civil servants, namely the state secretary, state legal advisor and state financial officer.

The appointment of Mohd Khusrin Munawi, 54, as the new state secretary was disputed by Abdul Khalid because he was allegedly not consulted over the appointment.

Mahathir also said that he felt that it was not necessary to call the next general election soon although there were what could be regarded as political indicators of impending elections of late.

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters after chairing a meeting of the Selangor Economic Action Council here, Abdul Khalid admitted that the appointment of Mohd Khusrin as the new state secretary was valid but nevertheless the state government would call for a state assembly sitting to amend the state constitution for power to be reverted to the Sultan of Selangor and the menteri besar concerning the appointment of the state secretary, financial officer and legal advisor.

In the interim, he said, Khusrin would not be called to take his oath of secrecy before him.