

**SS crisis attempt to cause rift between Khalid, Sultan
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The controversy over the appointment of Mohd Khusrin Munawi as the new Selangor state secretary is an attempt to cause a rift between Selangor Menteri Besar Ibrahim and the Selangor palace, said Pasir Mas member of parliament Ibrahim Ali.

The independent MP, who is the president of right wing movement Perkasa, said obviously Khalid did not want to have a "headache" in his relations with the palace but there were "forces at play" in the matter.

He said the noticeable silence on the part of PKR advisor and PKR Anwar Ibrahim and PKR deputy president Mohd Azmin Ali did not mean they did not have a role in it.

"But what can the MB (Khalid) do? He has to do the bidding of his puppet-master. He will be the biggest loser in this whole thing," he told Bernama.

The controversy erupted when Khalid claimed that he was not consulted in regard to Mohamad Khusrin's appointment.

However, Mohd Khusrin has since taken his oath of loyalty before the sultan but the menteri besar intends to hold a special state assembly sitting to revert powers to the MB and sultan in the matter of appointment of the top three civil servants in the state, namely the SUK, financial officer and legal advisor.

At present the decision to appoint these three senior officers is made by the chief secretary to the government.

Meanwhile, some 300 residents of Kampung Jalan Kebun in Klang staged a peaceful demonstration in the village today to protest certain remarks made by Seri Muda assemblyman Muda Shuhaimi Shafei on the same issue which they alleged were disrespectful to the Sultan of Selangor.

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