

**Perkasa recruits Rela members, forms special unit**  
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There is concern that members recruited by lobby groups will not reflect the broad membership envisioned by the People's Volunteer Corps, and may form its de facto para-military groups.

Perkasa has moved to take a wider role in its political struggle by forming a subgroup within the People's Volunteer Corps (Rela) that is exclusively for its members.

Perkasa coordinator, Zainuddin Salleh, revealed to Komunitikini that a Rela subgroup called 'Briged Setia Negara' had been established by Selangor Perkasa chief Abdullah Mansor in December last year.

"An approval was granted by the Home Ministry in December last year for the establishment of the brigade," claimed Zainuddin. "The brigade is formed exclusively for Selangor Perkasa members."

He said those who join Perkasa will be offered the option to enrol in Briged Setia Negara.

A screenshot (right) of Selangor Perkasa's website shows that the brigade was announced to its members at a recent event.

The brigade, according to him, is no different from Rela's other units except in its membership condition.

"The uniform and duties given are still the same," he added.

Asked if an Umno member who is not a Perkasa member is allowed to join the brigade, Zainuddin said such a person should join Rela directly.

A check on the Selangor Perkasa website confirmed that Perkasa has conducted a briefing on the said brigade during a recent event, with Perkasa's Abdullah dressed in Rela uniform.