

PAS would ban Israeli trade if it comes to power
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Highlighting the 'hypocrisy' of the government in allowing Israeli trading ships to dock in Malaysian ports, Selangor PAS today declared that the Islamic party would ban all trade with Israel, including letting its ships enter Malaysian waters, should it take over the federal government.

"If we govern the nation, there will not be such double standards. PAS' stand is that Israeli ships cannot dock at our ports because our waters also belong to the people.

"I believe other component parties will accept our stand," Selangor PAS deputy commissioner Khalid Samad told a press conference today.

The press conference in Shah Alam was jointly called by four PAS MPs in Selangor, but only Khalid and Hulu Langat MP Che Rosli Che Mat were able to attend.

Khalid urged the BN government to stop its hypocrisy on the issue of Israel as the Malaysian government continues to turn a blind eye on local trade with Israeli, making Malaysia the 20th largest trading partner of Israel with palm oil being our major export to the country.

"The Felda settlers may feel betrayed by the BN government because their products have been sold to Israel without their knowledge.

"We think that this is not acceptable and we demand a serious explanation from the government," said the Shah Alam MP.

On the differing stands between PAS and PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim - the former not recognising Israel while the latter supporting a two-state solution - Khalid described it as an "academic dispute".

"The two-state solution will only be viable if Israel recognises Palestine. At the moment it is an academic dispute.

"If Israel recognises Palestine, then only it will become a real dispute. Now it is just an intellectual dispute," he added.

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