

Ministry offer: Hasan threatens to sue Mahfuz

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Former Selangor exco Hasan Ali said he will take legal action against PAS vice-president Mahfuz Omar for alleging that the former had received support from the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Hasan ali pcCalling Mahfuz a "tool" of the alleged "PAS parasites", the sacked PAS leader (left) denied the allegation that the ministry had offered him RM30 million for a series of programmes targetted at drawing youth to BN.

"I have never been involved in any negotiations with the Ministry of Youth and Sports over a training programme such as that which the Pokok Sena MP has accused of me," he said.

Speaking at a press conference at his home in Kuala Lumpur today, Hasan also denied appointing any third party to represent him in such negotiations with the ministry.

He said the allegations have affected his credibility as a political and civil leader as well as a motivational speaker, and has left the matter to his lawyer to pursue at a future date.

When pressed by reporters about the alleged deal, Hasan joked, "Not RM50 million, but maybe almost."

Yesterday Mahfuz alleged that the ministry has established a RM30 million strategy unit to finance 2,000 youth programmes led by Hasan, and demanded an audit.

In an immediate response, Youth and Sports Minister Ahmad Shabery Cheek accused Mahfuz of lying and acting "childish".

'Coffeeshop talk'

Hasan added that Mahfuz' (below) allegations were ludicrous. Saying his programmes usually took three days, 2,000 programmes would take him 18 years to complete.

"Even cows and goats can think, but there are some who are worse than that," he quipped.

Hasan also denied Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad's allegation that his group Jati was financially backed by Umno-linked company Puncak Niaga.

Calling it "coffeeshop talk", the former exco also made a snide remark on the PAS MP saying, "Since when was Khalid Samad elected as spokesman for the church?"

While denying the funding claim, Hasan added that they were happy to receive assistance from whomever wishes to champion Islam.

He added that he even used his own money and contributions from those who did not wish to be identified, to run his programmes.

"But not BN," he stressed when asked if the ruling party was backing his programmes.

He instead blamed the allegations on PAS trying to cover up the Kedah crisis currently brewing.

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