

Shabery to sue Mahfuz over 'ministry backing' claim

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Following former Selangor exco member Hasan Ali's threat to sue PAS vice-president Mahfuz Omar for saying the Youth and Sports Ministry is funding Hasan Ali's Jati projects, the minister, Ahmad Shabery Cheek, is now saying he too will sue.

Shabery said his ministry would not hesitate in taking legal action against Mahfuz, who is the Pokok Sena MP, for making the allegation.

"The ministry may file a suit against the PAS vice-president if he continues to make the allegation," today's issue of Sinar Harian quotes the minister as saying.

"Mahfuz's claim that the ministry is sponsoring Hasan's Melayu Jalur Tiga (Jati) group for its 2,000 talks nationwide for RM30 million is outrageous. I think Mahfuz understands there are a lot of procedures involved if we were to do this," the minister is quoted as saying.

The New Straits Times also reported today that Shabery questioned where Mahfuz got his story from.

This also showed, the paper quotes Shabery as saying, "that PAS is worried, as it cannot resolve the Kedah crisis" and the party was therefore trying to look for scapegoats.

Last Friday, Mahfuz said the Strategy Unit of the Youth and Sports Ministry has collected an allocation of RM30 million, part of which may go to fund the programmes around the country to be carried out by Hasan's Jati.

Mahfuz went on to demand a full audit into the establishment the unit by the ministry.

Hasan has also threatened to sue Mahfuz for making the allegation and called Mahfuz a tool of the "PAS parasites".

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