

**Putrajaya's GST is haram, declares PAS man**  
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An MP and PAS syura council member today opined that Putrajaya's plan to introduce the goods and services tax next month is haram.

This, said Kuala Nerus MP Mohd Khairuddin Aman Razali, is because the planned tax did not fulfill the principle of Islamic taxation.

He said according to the principles, taxation can only be applied if the government desperately require funds for the country's needs and the need of such funds is not due to corruption and leakages.

Furthermore, Khairuddin, who is also PAS' syura council information chief, said the taxation can only imposed on the well-to-do.

"The reality is the government continues to be wasteful in its finances to the extent that the budget is in deficit for 18 consecutive years and leakages amounting to between RM23 billion to RM40 billion persists in the country's financial management," he said in a statement today.

**Council says permissible**

He added that the government still has alternative sources to increase revenue and GST will be imposed on everyone regardless of their income as it is based on consumption.

For these reasons, he said, the mooted GST next month is haram.

As such, he said the National Fatwa Council should also review its fatwa that GST is "permissible" in Islam.

The GST was passed in Parliament last year and will come into force next month.

The National Fatwa Council, meanwhile, had in a meeting October last year ruled that the GST is permissible according to Islamic law.

It said this was because it was meant for the country and people's needs.