

**Tee still a councillor for now, says Khalid**  
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Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim said that, for now, Tee Boon Hock remains a Klang municipal councillor although he has been expelled from the DAP for alleged abuse of power.

NONE "There will be no decision made now because I am waiting for the Selangor audit report," he told a press conference after the executive council's weekly meeting in Shah Alam today.

Asked when they will make a decision, he said the exco has yet to discuss the matter.

"We will let you know," he responded.

He said he has received a letter from the DAP on Tee's expulsion and its recommendation for disciplinary action to be taken against him.

While a municipal councillor does not necessarily have to be a member of a political party, Tee's seat is reserved for the DAP, which may mean that his expulsion automatically strips him of his position.

azlan Last Saturday the party's disciplinary committee headed by Tan Kok Wai had decided to expel Tee because they found him culpable in issuing a support letter to a company in which his son has an interest.

Pressed about Tee's status, Khalid said that Tee is currently on leave, and is no longer actively involved in the day-to-day business of the Klang Municipal Council.

The controversy surrounding Tee surfaced late last month when English-language daily Star front-paged allegations that a 'rogue' DAP councillor was misusing his office and exco member Ronnie Liu's letterhead and seal, to issue support letters to persons close to him.

Teng's revelation 'no surprise'

Khalid was also quizzed about Selangor speaker Teng Chang Khim's revelation in a Malaysian Insider report, saying that the practice of issuing support letters is widespread and that he himself has issued them.

Khalid damped possible controversy, saying this has been the practice in government. However, he said what is different is the focus of the letter.

"Previously it was to show the power of the MPs and ministers. If you can get a support letter from the PM, then you are really great.

"However in Pakatan our focus has shifted to issues relating to welfare like (recommending assistance for) single mothers, (students) and sick people."

He stressed that, when business contracts are awarded, a set of guidelines must be followed to ensure that these go deserving ones.

On a practice which requires application forms for state contracts to have the endorsement of Pakatan MPs, Khalid defended the move.

He said this is necessary to ensure that the companies involved are reputable and able, with the parliamentarians acting as character witnesses.

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