

**Hisham issued directive to ban Pakatan reps: DPM  
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The Education Ministry has clarified that its current minister, Muhyiddin Yassin, was not responsible for a circular listing 57 approved BN politicians who are allowed to visit schools in Selangor.

"At the time, the education minister was Hishammuddin Hussein, not Muhyiddin," said Muhyiddin's Education Ministry press secretary Hafiz Abdul Halim in a faxed statement today.

Hafiz was referring to an Aug 4 report in Malaysiakini's Bahasa Malaysia edition that referred to Muhyiddin as the education minister responsible for the circular.

The circular is dated Feb 16, 2009. Muhyiddin took over from Hishammuddin on April 10 that year.

According to the circular, only the 57 politicians from Umno, MCA, MIC and Gerakan are allowed into school compounds in Selangor to represent the education minister at functions.

This effectively bars Pakatan elected representatives from the schools and they have slammed this as smacking of the Barisan Nasional government's double standards.

Some even complained that their work as elected representatives, such as handing over donation cheques to the schools, had to be done outside the compounds.

Subang Jaya state assemblyperson Hannah Yeoh had lamented even though Pakatan ruled Selangor, she could not have access to her alma mater SMK Subang Utama, except through the Parents-Teachers Association, because she was from the DAP.

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