

S'gor Umno Youth sends memo to MB on surau visit
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Selangor Umno Youth today sent a memorandum to Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim on the presence of Serdang parliamentarian Teo Nie Ching in a Kajang surau.

Its information chief, Safarizul Mustafa, said what Teo did should not be taken lightly because it went against the sultan's stated desire to uphold the sanctity of mosques and surau.

"We take seriously the matter of non-Muslim politicians and other individuals giving speeches at mosques and surau in Selangor as it is tantamount to ignoring the sensitivities of Muslims and can undermine public order and security," he told reporters.

NONE Safarizul said the memorandum, among other things, called on the Selangor government to expel Dr Hasan Mohamed Ali as the chairman of the State Islamic Affairs and Malay Customs Committee for having allegedly failed to advise a non-Muslim elected representative of the DAP accordingly.

It also called for the chairman and members of the surau committee and the imam who had invited Teo and allowed her to give a talk to be expelled immediately.

Meanwhile in Yan, Kedah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Jamil Khir Baharom today advised mosque and surau committees to refer to the respective state Islamic affairs councils on the matter of permitting non-Muslims into Muslim houses of worship.

He said every state had its guidelines in the matter and the mosque or surau committee or management should adhere to these regulations and not act arbitrarily.

Serdang MP to apologise

Serdang parliamentarian Teo Nie Ching said today she would seek an audience with the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, to apologise and explain her presence at a surau in Kajang on Sunday.

NONE Her presence at the Al-Huda Surau in Kajang Sentral where she allegedly gave a talk in the prayer area has come under fire from various quarters.

Teo said in a statement that she had gone to the surau with the intention of handing over a Selangor government donation for repair of the fencing and to join in the breaking of fast with the surau committee and congregation.

"As I was invited to say a few words, I sincerely explained an education programme of the state government for the benefit of the people of Selangor.

"I regret that this matter has caused anxiety among Muslims and that the issue has been played up by certain quarters for political reasons," she said.

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