

**Mosque visit: Teo was 'deemed dirty', says Hisham
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Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said today he was shocked that Serdang member of Parliament Teo Nie Ching had the support of PAS spiritual leader Nik Aziz Nik Mat over her visit to a surau (Muslim prayer hall) as it confused Muslims.

"Teo had no business to be inside Surau Al-Huda as she was deemed dirty but Nik Aziz said its alright, we are modern now. What disaster can we expect next?

NONEHe said it was clear that DAP was adopting an extreme approach by questioning the rights and privileges defended by Malay leaders and the rulers.

He was commenting a Selangordaily report that Selayang member of Parliament William Leong had entered the At-Taqwa Mosque in Selayang Baru yesterday to hand over donations.

On Aug 22, Teo Nie Ching spoke from the prayer area of Surau Al-Huda in Kajang Sentral (above).

She repeated the act yesterday when she was invited to the Al-Muhajirin Surau at Bukit Mahkota where she handed RM500 to People Volunteer Corps (Rela) personnel.

'Buying support'

Hishammuddin, who is an Umno vice-president, said Muslims should know the context of visits to mosques and surau so that houses of worship were not used for political mileage.

He claimed the incident in Selangor recently showed that DAP gave aid to buy support of Muslims.

"The Malays will not be hurt if it was in the surau compound and not the prayer area.

"The surau committee could have received the aid without going against the sultan," he said in a statement today.

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