

**Palace dismisses Ku Li's remark on Sultan
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Comptroller of the Kelantan Royal Household Abdul Halim Hamad said the remark by Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah on the palace crisis was his personal view.

He added the position of Sultan Muhammad V as the Sultan of Kelantan had been affirmed by the Federal Court.

"I have not received any directives to issue a statement in response to the remark (by Tengku Razaleigh)," he told reporters after the opening of the state-level Maal Hijrah by Sultan Muhammad V, here last night.

Yesterday, Tengku Razaleigh, a former finance minister, urged the Conference of Rulers and the state and federal governments to give serious attention to the "palace crisis" with the deposed Sultan asserting his right to the throne.

He also produced a letter hand-written by Sultan Ismail Petra who said that he was still the ruler of the state.

Tengku Razaleigh made the statement when asked to comment on the decision of Sultan Muhammad V to withdraw two state awards given to him, believed to be due to the statement he made on the palace issue published by a Chinese daily on Sept 14.

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