

MB to seek 'royal guidance' on exco's status
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The Selangor government will seek the views of state ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah on how it should deal with the controversy surrounding executive councillor Elizabeth Wong.

In a statement today, Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said: "I shall be seeking an audience with his royal highness to brief him on the issue and seek his guidance."

"It is most unfortunate that certain elements have resorted to such despicable acts to smear her (Wong's) name and integrity.

"I am sure Malaysians and the people of Selangor will reject the use of such shameful tactics and join me in condemning the people responsible."

This morning, Wong had offered to quit as exco and state assemblyperson for Bukit Lanjan following the circulation of her nude photographs.

The 37-year-old politician revealed her decision at an emotionally-charged press conference at the PKR headquarters in Tropicana.

'Unfortunate turn of events'

According to the PKR leader, she had reached this decision in the interests of the party but maintained that she was an innocent victim.

"I have done no wrong and I am not ashamed of my sexuality as a woman and as a single person. I have broken no law and everyone has a right to privacy."

Meanwhile, Khalid confirmed that he had received Wong's letter stating her offer to resign from her posts.

"This turn of events is unfortunate as Wong has been an exemplary exco member. Over the last 11 months, she had been working very hard in carrying out her duties.

"In view of the trying circumstances and the obvious stress she must be going through, I had advised her to take leave and have a deserved rest," he added.

Wong had lodged a police report yesterday over the matter and the police are investigating the case.