

No reason to sack Liu, says Khalid
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SHAH ALAM - There will not be any pressure to sack exco member Ronnie Liu from the state executive line-up, said Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim.

"Based on our findings, we do not see the reason to sack Liu as there was no misconduct pertaining to the support letter issue," Khalid told a press conference Wednesday after chairing the weekly exco meeting, according to The Star.

Liu has been under extreme pressure to resign as an exco member due to his alleged involvement in former Klang councillor Tee Boon Hock's support letter fiasco.

Tee, who was also the Selangor DAP organising secretary, had been expelled from his party and sacked as a councillor for issuing support letters for his family and friends' businesses.

The letters carried Liu's letterhead and seal.

In relation to this, Khalid said that audit reports have been sent out to all Klang councillors.

Khalid said the auditing process, which had begun two weeks ago, would probe all councillors and reveal those involved in issuing support letters without the state government's knowledge.

"And since we practice transparency, the reports will be made known to the public," said Khalid.

Apart from this, he said the effort by the state government would warn councillors to not simply issue support letters without the approval of the town council and state government.

However, Khalid said the issuance of support letters by councillors had dropped after Tee was sacked, The Star reported.

"It is up to the councillors if they want to issue support letters as long as they abide by the rules set by the state government," Khalid was quoted as saying when asked if councillors were still allowed to issue support letters.

Speaking on another matter, Khalid said an expert has been engaged to investigate the hidden recording device found in his office last week.

Khalid had discovered the recording device hidden behind his window drapes last Tuesday after he heard some strange beeping sounds in his office.

Checks would still be carried out until the culprit is found, he said. Khalid, however, ruled out that the measures taken to spy on him was an inside job.

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