

**Teo to make amends**  
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PETALING JAYA – The Serdang MP, in trouble with state Islamic authorities for giving a talk in the prayer hall of a Kajang surau on Sunday, said she will give a clarification to the Sultan of Selangor as well as apologise to the ruler over her conduct.

“I will clarify and apologise to Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah over the issue,” Teo Nie Ching said in a statement here Saturday.

A photograph of Teo standing before a congregation at the Al-Huda surau in Kajang Sentral and delivering a ceramah in a kebaya and without a headscarf had appeared in various blogs and also picked up by the mainstream media recently.

Reacting to the issue, the Selangor Islamic Affairs Council (MAIS) said on Friday it would issue a warning letter to Teo about her action, which was said to have upset the Sultan.

The ruler was reportedly angry also with the surau management committee and had ordered MAIS to take stern action.

Defending her action, Teo said she had visited the surau on Aug 22 to present financial aid from the state for repairs to the gate. She then joined the committee and the congregation in breaking of fast.

“As I was invited to give a brief speech, I made a sincere effort to explain about the state’s education programme for the benefit of the people of Selangor.

“I regret that the matter had caused feelings of restlessness among Muslims nationwide and this issue has been further heated up by certain quarters due to political reasons,” she said.

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