

**Palace orders Dr Ling, Phang not to use state titles**  
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SHAH ALAM - The Selangor palace has issued an order temporarily preventing former Transport Minister Dr Ling Liong Sik and former Port Klang Authority (PKA) general manager O.C Phang from using the honorific titles received from the state.

The order was issued through the Selangor state government, according The Star report Wednesday.

When contacted Wednesday, Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah's private secretary Mohamad Munir Bani said the ruler had instructed the state government to issue the order.

Munir added the prohibition from using the titles bestowed on the two by the Sultan was pending the outcome of the court cases against Dr Ling and Phang, The Star reported.

Both have been charged over the Port Kang Free Zone (PKFZ) scandal.

In the statement, the Selangor state government said Sultan Sharafuddin had arrived at the decision after consultation with the state royal council on Aug 19.

Ling received the Dato' Paduka Mahkota Selangor title in 1992 while Phang was bestowed the Datin Paduka title in 2001.

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