

Ibrahim Ali's datukship revoked by Kelantan palace
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KOTA BARU - The Kelantan palace has revoked the datukship of Malay rights group Perkasa president Ibrahim Ali and former state secretary Wan Hashim Wan Daud.

The revocation of Ibrahim's datukship on Wednesday came several days after he visited the former Sultan of Kelantan Tuanku Ismail Petra, according to *The Star*.

After the visit on Friday, Ibrahim was quoted by the media as saying that the former Sultan was very happy to see him and that he remembered about their shared experience years before.

Wan Hashim is the private secretary to the former ruler.

Kelantan State Secretary Mohd Aiseri Alias said that besides Ibrahim and Wan Hashim, the others were former state secretary Wan Hashim Wan Daud and members of the Kelantan royal household Tengku Mohamed Shafie Tengku Ibrahim, and Tengku Abu Bakar Tengku Mansor.

Mohd Aiseri announced the sultan's revocation of the awards at a news conference here, but did not give the reason for the withdrawal.

"The revocation (of the awards) is the right of the Sultan of Kelantan, Sultan Muhammad V," he was quoted by *Bernama* as saying.

Ibrahim is currently the independent Member of Parliament for Pasir Mas constituency in Kelantan. He is the founder of Perkasa whose patron is former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohammad.

Speaking to reporters in Parliament on Wednesday, Ibrahim said he got the news through the media in the morning.

According to a news portal which quoted him, Ibrahim said he was "not upset", and added that he "will keep fighting to uphold the Federal Constitution and the special position of the Malays".

Ibrahim said he still has two other datukships - the Datuk Paduka Mahkota Selangor award from the Selangor palace and the Darjah Mulia Seri Mahkota award from Malacca.

According to the pint-sized Perkasa chief, a datukship was "no big deal" and he did not mind being called "Saudara Ibrahim Ali".

He was quoted by a web news portal as saying: "If I don't have a datukship, it's OK. I prefer to be called Saudara Ibrahim Ali. You don't call me datuk, it's OK. It is a small matter to me."