

**PAS Youth urges Federal govt to respect democratic process**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - PAS Youth has urged the BN-led Federal government to respect the Selangor state government as a democratically elected state government, saying its recent appointment of an official seen as pro-UMNO to be the state secretary undermined the concept of federalism.

"The Selangor state government's view must be given priority in order to develop a stable government. Although Selangor is governed by a government which is of different ideology than the federal government, it is a legitimate government formed through a democratic mandate from the people through the election process," said PAS Youth chief Nasrudin Hassan Tantawi in a statement to Harakahdaily.

He was responding to the recent controversial appointment of Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) director, Mohd Khusrin Munawi, as the new Selangor state secretary, effective Jan 1.

Earlier, the government's Chief Secretary Mohd Sidek Hassan announced that Khusrin, 54, would take over from Ramli Mahmud on Saturday.

The announcement surprised the Pakatan-led state government, claiming that Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim had not been notified.

Nasrudin said the appointment of Khusrin, seen as pro-UMNO and a 'thorn' in the administration, "should not happened", and said the move would create speculation of "a hidden agenda to weaken and sabotage the state government's administration."

He also hoped a meeting between Khalid and the Sultan of Selangor, who consented to Khusrin's appointment, would bring positive result.

"The concept of Constitutional Monarchy which is practised in the country is meant to forge good relations between the Menteri Besar and the Sultan, and the Sultan should act based on the Menteri Besar's advice," reminded Nasrudin.

Selangor said it had named three candidates for the state secretary post for consideration by the palace. - Harakahdaily