

Ramli: I didn't pick Khusrin
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SHAH ALAM – Ramli Mahmud has denied that he was directly involved in picking Mohd Khusrin Munawi to succeed him as Selangor state secretary.

"I was only involved in listing qualified candidates based on seniority. Eight candidates were considered and Khusrin was fifth on the list," he said in a statement today.

The list was then given to the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah and Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

Ramli also asked Khalid to discuss the matter with the Sultan.

The list was also sent to the Public Service Department (JPA) to ensure that the state secretary is Selangor born and had working experience in the state.

"It was given more than three months before my retirement. They are all my officers, I don't have

any preference nor personal interest."

JPA shortlisted three names with Khusrin at the top and that he was asked to present it to the Sultan which he did.

Ramli said the Sultan consented that Khusrin be his successor by way of a letter.

"I informed JPA of this. It was put under embargo until an announcement was made by JPA," he added.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan announced Khusrin's appointment as Selangor state secretary on Dec 27.

Ramli said he did not inform the State Exco as he wanted Khalid to do it as he had a copy of the Sultan's letter consenting to Khusrin's appointment.

Meanwhile, Selangor Umno deputy chairman Noh Omar said the state government is power crazy for trying to amend the constitution to restore menteri besar's power of appointing three executive officers.

He said Khalid knows that he could not do it as it needs two third majority vote in the state assembly, the Sultan's consent and approval from the Conference of Rulers.

New Selangor opposition leader Mohamed Satim Diman said the people could evaluate the state government led by Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR).

He said the Selangor government is still protesting the appointment of Khusrin as state secretary although it was done according to state and federal laws.

"They are still questioning the appointment despite the Sultan of Selangor asking that it should not be politicised and sensationalised as it can confuse the people."

Satim reminded the Selangor government not to destroy the monarchy, administration and legal systems by creating negative perception of the institutions.

"It also shows that the Selangor government has ill feelings toward civil servants," he said in a statement today. — Bernama

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