

Malays In Penang Must Evaluate Mosque Management
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RAWANG -- Malays in Penang must review the management of mosque committees to avoid any political interference in religious matters said Minister of Information Communication and Culture Dr Rais Yatim.

Rais said the state government should honour Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin's advise to defer the 2012/2013 mosque committee election which was scheduled to start today.

"Lim Guan Eng (Penang Chief Minister) must understand that Islamic matters fall under the jurisdiction of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, including Penang, Melaka, Sabah and Sarawak.

"However, when even the mosque committee selection becomes a political matter, I guess he, (Lim) has lost his memory on the judiciary in this issue," he told reporters when asked to comment on the DAP-led state government's plan to introduce elections for mosque committees, just like the general election.

The state government had last week announced that election for mosque committees involving about 200 mosques in Penang would be held from June 18 to July 23.

Earlier, Rais officially opened a badminton friendly match between his team D'sury and Kraftangan Malaysia at Institut Kraf Negara here today.

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