

Decision To Postpone Mosque Polls Hailed
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GEORGE TOWN -- The decision by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin on Friday to postpone mosque polls in Penang has been hailed by Muslims in the state.

Acheh Mosque chairman, Abu Bakar Ahmad said he felt relieved after receiving the news that the polls would be postponed.

He said even though the election method gave full authority to congregations to choose mosque committee members freely, it would lead to power struggles and break up Muslims.

Batu Maung mosque chairman, Yusof Osman said he believed the Yang di-Pertuan Agong acted in the interest of all Muslims.

Tuan Mizan had asked for the polls, which were due to take place yesterday and today, to be postponed to avert the religious institution from being stained by politics and disuniting Muslims.

Penang Islamic Religious Council president Elias Zakaria said His Majesty's decision was conveyed to the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas when he and Tun Abdul Rahman an audience with Tuanku Mizan at Istana Negara on Friday.

The polls was initiated by the State Religious Affairs, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Committee Chairman Abdul Malik Kassim.

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