

**Selangor Govt To Set Up Consultative Council To Resolve Jais-Church Issue**  
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SHAH ALAM -- The Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has advised the Selangor government to set up a Syura consultative council to resolve the issue of the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) investigating the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) on Aug 3.

The council will consist of three members, namely Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, state mufti Tamyas Abdul Wahid and his deputy Abdul Majid Omar.

Khalid said in a statement on Monday that the Sultan made the suggestion when they had a discussion on the matter last week.

"I appreciate Tuanku's advice on how best to resolve this matter satisfactorily.

"I have also met the mufti and we have formulated the term of reference for the consultative council," he said.

Khalid said the council would explore areas of concern to both Muslims and non-Muslims in Selangor and develop guidelines to ensure mutual respect and harmony among people of different races and religions.

He said the council would be seeking input from Jais and the host of the thanksgiving dinner, Harapan Komuniti, a non-governmental organisation. If necessary, it will also call DUMC and the 12 Muslims who were questioned by Jais during the investigation.

Khalid said the council would hear out Jais' full report on the investigation and examine related documents and other evidence including video tapes of the incident.

"The state government's priority is to ensure that every aspect of our administration adheres to the principles of justice, transparency, good governance and integrity."

"It is always open to engagement and dialogue for harmonious and mutually respectful coexistence of different religious communities," he said.

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