

Pas submits memorandum to King

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. Pas today handed a memorandum to Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin appealing that Article 121(1A) of the Federal Constitution not be amended.

The memorandum was handed in by Pas Youth chief Salahudin Ayob to Tan Sri Engku Ibrahim Engku Ngah, Keeper of the Royal Seal.

Speaking to reporters after delivering the memorandum to Engku Ibrahim's office on Jalan Bellamy, Salahudin said Pas was appealing for the position of the Syariah Court to be retained.

"There is no need to change the status of the court," he said. "In fact, the recent case involving Nyonya Tahir proved that the Syariah Court is fair.

"The judge obtained evidence that she did not practise a Muslim way of life, but was registered as a Muslim on her identity card. So they ruled that she need not be buried as a Muslim.

"This is what we are asking for. If a person was truly a Muslim, then he or she should be buried as a Muslim. If he or she was not, then it is up to whoever is in charge to perform the burial rites according to their religion.

"We are just asking that the rights of Muslims be protected."

Salahudin said: "We will also be sending copies to Suhakam and the Malay Rulers," he said.

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