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# No Biro Tatanegara courses for Selangor govt employees

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**SHAH ALAM:** The Selangor government has barred its employees and students at state-owned higher learning institutions from attending courses organised by the National Civics Bureau (Biro Tatanegara) with immediate effect.

State executive councillor in charge of education, higher studies and human capital development, Dr Halimah Ali,

said these courses were nothing more than a brainwashing indoctrination session by the Barisan Nasional government and brought nothing good to the participants.

"The state government has decided that students from any state higher learning institutions, state government officers and employees of state government-linked companies and subsidiaries will not be allowed to attend the National Civics Bureau courses," she said after the weekly exco

meeting, here, yesterday.

Halimah said the state government would issue a letter of instruction to the higher learning institutions and state government-linked companies and subsidiaries to inform them of the ban.

The state higher learning institutes involved are Kolej Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (KUIS), Universiti Industri Selangor (Unisel), Inpens College and Institut Kemahiran Yayasan Selangor.

"Based on past experiences, studies and reports from those who have gone through the courses, most said that they were an indoctrination process by the BN government.

"The courses promoted racist sentiments as if wanting to create rifts between the multiracial citizens of this country. Participants were also given booklets containing various propaganda which could bring hatred towards the political opposition in Malaysia.

"We made this decision as

the courses do not give anything positive, especially to the young minds. Therefore, we feel that the courses are unnecessary and a waste of the people's money."

Halimah said it would be better for students and state government officers and employees if they were given an opportunity by the state government to participate in other more rewarding courses which could promote unity among the multiracial people of Selangor.