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Khalid: 'Allah' can be used but not abused *the Sun - 10/1/2013*

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SHAH ALAM: Selangor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said the state government believes that the word "Allah" can be used, on condition that it does not involve any element of abuse or insult to Muslims.

"If the state feels that the sacred word 'Allah' is used to offend Muslims or abuse the religion, then action will be taken according to the Islamic Religious Enactment," said Abdul Khalid in a press conference after the state exco meeting yesterday.

When asked if non-Muslims can still sing the Selangor anthem that includes the

word "Allah", he said it is allowed because "Allah" in the anthem does not carry any element of insult. At the same time, he said the word "Allah" is sacred to Muslims and must be guarded against abuse, for instance, being used to convert Muslims to other religions.

Yesterday, Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah decreed that all non-Muslims in the state are banned from using the word "Allah" as it is a holy word exclusive to Muslims.

On the matter of Islamic jurisdiction, Abdul Khalid said the state government accepts that the jurisdiction over Islamic matters will fall under the purview of the sultan. "This is in accordance to the law passed in the state assembly sitting."