

**Mukhriz Wants Maik To Resolve Madrasah Demolition Issue Immediately**  
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ALOR SETAR, Dec 22 (Bernama) -- Kedah Deputy Umno Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir has urged the Kedah Islamic Religious Council (Maik) to have discussions immediately with the committee of the Salihiah Madrasah in Jalan Tambang Badak here to resolve the issue over the intended demolition of the house of worship.

Mukhriz, who is deputy international trade and industry minister, said Maik has to make a decision by considering the views and needs of the madrasah committee and residents in the vicinity.

"This is because the madrasah committee handed over the special endowment land to Maik to safeguard the madrasah's interests and prevent its demolition," he told a media conference here Thursday.

He said however that Maik, as the trustee of the madrasah, did not discuss with the madrasah committee on the transfer of the title for the land to be turned into the site of a building.

Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak had referred the matter to the Kedah Fatwa Council and said the council had given its greenlight to the state government to build a business complex on the endowment land.

Azizan also clarified that a surau would be built within the complex to replace the madrasah to be demolished.

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