

Selangor Umno to sue PAS leader for RM10m

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SHAH ALAM, Aug 22 — Selangor Umno will file a RM10 million suit for defamation against PAS secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali for accusing Umno of being behind the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) raid on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) last month that sparked a nationwide outcry.

“Selangor Umno has no choice but to defend itself. We will start our legal proceedings today,” said Selangor Umno secretary Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Mohamed said today.

He stressed that Jais was under the jurisdiction of the Selangor government and Pakatan Rakyat, and not Selangor Umno.

“We deny these accusations. We were not involved in this incident and we have no authority and no responsibility to give orders to Jais,” he said.

“We had given notice to Mustafa Ali but in the spirit of Ramadan we were ready to forgive his actions if he made a public apology.”

Mohd Zin said the notice was given to Mustafa on August 17 to retract his statement in three days, but the latter instead said he had evidence to show Umno’s hand in the Jais incident.

“We asked him two days ago to present the evidence, but up until now we have received nothing,” said Mohd Zin.

He also wanted Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim to disclosure details of the raid.

“Doesn’t the rakyat deserve to know? We have been promised an official statement but until today there has been no further announcement,” he said.

Last month, Jais conducted a raid on a thanksgiving dinner organised by NGO Komuniti Harapan on DUMC premises in Petaling Jaya following complaints of attempts to proselytise Muslims.

Jais has since denied that it was a raid, saying that it was just an inspection.

The multiracial dinner was attended by about 100 people, including a dozen Muslims.

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