

**Groups Lodge Report Against Selangor MB Over Syura Council Issue**  
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SHAH ALAM, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- Senator Ezam Mohd Noor and two non-governmental organisations -- Perkasa and Gagasan Anti Penyelewengan Selangor (GAPS) -- lodge police reports today against Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim over the Syura Council issue.

They claimed that Abdul Khalid had deceived the Sultan of Selangor over the setting up of the council which is to resolve issues concerning the investigation by the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church on Aug 3.

GAPS chairman Hamidzun Khairuddin said Abdul Khalid's action was in violation of the Sedition Act 1948.

"GAPS is of the views that the royal institution should be defended as the umbrella to unite the people and should not be ridiculed in any way," he said.

Ezam said he felt compelled to lodge the report because he believed that there was a hidden agenda, masterminded by certain parties, to undermine the royal institution.

Earlier today the state government expressed regret over its use of the name "Syura Council" for a committee it set up to resolve the issue.

It has now renamed the council the Hearing Committee amid a clarification by the office of the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, yesterday denying that the ruler had suggested or ordered the setting up of the Syura (consultative) council.

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