

**Selangor Government Expresses Regret, Changes Council's Name**  
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SHAH ALAM, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- The state government expressed regret on Wednesday over its use of the name "Syura Council" for a committee it has set up to resolve the issue over the investigation carried out by the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) on Aug 3.

The state government has now decided to change the name to Hearing Committee to prevent any overlapping of functions with the Syura Council of the state government, which is headed by the Selangor Islamic Religious Council, according to a statement issued by the state government.

The statement came 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, contrary to media reports quoting Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

In the statement, the state government said that despite the name change, the original objectives, framework and membership remained the same in line with the discussion held between the menteri besar and the Sultan of Selangor.

"The state government hopes that the name change will clear up any confusion and that the effort to find a solution to the Jais-DUMC issue can proceed," the statement added.

It added that the state government would abide by the advice of the Sultan of Selangor and cooperate with all parties to find the best solution to the issue.

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