

Noh Rebukes Selangor Government For Statements Contradictory To The Sultan's Bernama

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SHAH ALAM, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Selangor Umno deputy chairman Datuk Seri Noh Omar has rebuked the Selangor government for issuing statements contradictory to the directives of the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Such action could confuse the people, especially with regard to sensitive issues or matters relating to policy, he said.

"If this continues, the institution of the monarchy as a symbol of unity among the people of various races will be put into question," he told reporters after attending a breaking-of-the-fast with the media community here last night.

He noted that the state government had been politicking a lot and preferred to issue statements contradictory to the sultan's directives, ever since the appointment of the state secretary up to the recent church (raid) issue.

He also said that it was obvious from their differing statements that Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), the DAP and PAS were inconsistent in their decision-making but yet each would not relent.

Noh, who is Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister, cited the setting up of the Syura Council relating to the raid by the Selangor Islamic Religious Department on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) as one of the contradictions.

"Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said the council was set up on the advice of the sultan. But Sultan Sharafuddin denied this in a statement through his confidential secretary Datuk Mohamad Munir Bani.

"The Selangor government then replaced the council with the Hearing Committee.

"I would liken the action and attitude of the present state government to repainting a car - it looks new on the outside but actually it is just to cover up its failure in administrating the state," he said.

Noh cited the change in the name of Universiti Industri Selangor to Universiti Selangor as another measure which brought about no transformation.

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