

Appeal to remain in party, PAS tells Hasan
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 — PAS today reminded Datuk Dr Hasan Ali to appeal to the party's Syura Council if he wanted to remain with the party and be considered a "PAS lawmaker."

PAS information chief Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man told The Malaysian Insider that Hasan has 30 days to present his appeal.

He said failure to do so would make Hasan unqualified to remain as a PAS lawmaker.

"In 30 days he (Hasan) can appeal to the Ulama Syura Council, his status right now is that he is considered an independent lawmaker... unless he appeals and the appeal is accepted," said Tuan Ibrahim, adding that Hasan still had an opportunity to present his case if he felt the decision against him was unjust.

The PAS central working committee sacked Hasan as a party member on Sunday for breaching party discipline after he urged supporters to avoid today's rally in support of Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as his sodomy trial verdict was handed down.

PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had prior to that expressed the party's support for the rally.

Hasan yesterday blamed Anwar for his sudden sacking from PAS.

The Selangor lawmaker admitted it was likely due to his remarks about the opposition that got him the boot from the Islamist party, which is part of the state's ruling Pakatan Rakyat (PR) pact.

Selangor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim has said Hasan should relinquish his post as a state executive councillor following the latter's dismissal from PAS.

The Selangor administration is due to discuss Hasan's portfolio as executive councillor in charge of Islamic affairs tomorrow, after saying his position was contingent on his being a member of a PR party.

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