

**Dr Rani best replacement for Hasan Ali, says Selangor PAS Youth**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 — Meru assemblyman Dr Abdul Rani Osman is Selangor PAS Youth's choice to replace Datuk Hasan Ali as state executive councilor, the state Islamist Youth wing's No. 2 said today.

"Dr Abdul Rani (picture) is the most qualified to fulfill PAS' quota, not only is he the No. 1 PAS man in Selangor but he is also close to the rakyat and pays attention to their problems," said Mohd Sany Hamzan in a statement.

Hasan, who was sacked from PAS two days ago, is now under pressure to relinquish his position as state executive councilor in charge of Islamic affairs, Malay customs and public amenities.

Selangor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim has said Hasan should voluntarily quit the post as he no longer represents PAS.

Mohd Sany added the Islamist party's state youth wing fully supported Khalid's call and urged Hasan to step down as well.

The PAS central working committee sacked Hasan as a party member on Sunday for breaching party discipline after he urged supporters to avoid yesterday'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.

Earlier today, The Malaysian Insider reported PAS's information chief Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man as saying Hasan has 30 days to lodge his appeal against the decision with the party's religious scholars' council, better known as the Majlis Syura Ulama.

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 membership of the ruling PR.

The Malaysian Insider understands Khalid meet Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah on Friday to brief the Selangor Ruler on the latest developments and list of suitable candidates.

"[Khalid] said PAS has not provided any names yet," an aide to the Selangor MB told The Malaysian Insider today

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