

Selangor says wants RPK to furnish proof of graft
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 2 — The Selangor government today demanded that blogger Raja Petra Kamarudin provide evidence to back up his claims of corruption within the state government.

Raja Petra had alleged, in an interview with Umno daily Utusan Malaysia, that several Chinese businessmen in Selangor had complained to him that they still had to fork out “under-the-table” money in order to conduct businesses in the state, and that corruption was still rampant there.

“His allegation that there is corruption in Selangor, ‘duit kopi’ (under-the-table cash) involving Chinese businessmen, is a serious allegation.

“We demand that RPK step forward to provide details to the state government and authorities so that detailed investigation can be done,” Faekah Husin (picture) said in a statement.

Faekah, who is political secretary to Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim, said the Selangor government was willing to finance his travel costs to the state secretariat.

She pointed out that Selangor had allocated RM15 million in the state budget for this year to combat corruption.

“That is the least he can do to assist a government that is earnest in combating corruption, what more he is himself a part of Selangor’s royal family.

“RPK should not hurl wild allegations just to belittle the efforts of the state government in creating a good, clean, responsible administration,” said Faekah.

She charged that Raja Petra was probably the only one who knew the “logic” behind his claims.

The self-exiled blogger claimed that many voters have become frustrated with Pakatan Rakyat’s (PR) performance at the helm in four key states and will throw their support behind Barisan Nasional (BN) in the next general election.

He said the PKR-DAP-PAS pact was still stuck with the mindset of taking over Putrajaya by “default” as they were confident in being the only alternative to the ruling BN, and that they were using the same anti-Umno tactics to win over voters.

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