

**PAS Should Feel Insulted Over Portfolio Removal, Says Umno Info Chief**  
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PONTIAN, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- PAS should feel insulted following the removal of the Islamic Affairs portfolio from its Selangor state executive councillor in a minor reshuffle, Umno information chief Datuk Ahmad Maslan said today.

He also said that this reflected that the party is being further isolated in the administration of the Selangor government.

Ahmad, who is a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department, was commenting on the taking over of the Islamic Affairs, Infrastructure and Public Amenities portfolios yesterday by Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, who is from Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR).

These portfolios as well as that of Malay Customs was held by Datuk Dr Hasan Ali who was sacked from PAS and later removed as a state executive councillor.

The Malay Customs portfolio and that of Youth and Sports went to Dr Hasan's successor, Sijangkang assemblyman Dr Ahmad Yunus Hairi, who was sworn in as a state executive councillor yesterday.

In KOTA BAHARU, PAS assistant secretary-general Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan said PAS's position in the Selangor Pakatan Rakyat government remains unaffected following the sacking of Dr Hasan.

He said the party still had three state executive councillors in the state government and they can strengthen the party's position.

"Although the Islamic Affairs portfolio is held by the menteri besar, the three (PAS) state executive councillors can help out when necessary," he told reporters.

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