

**Selangor Ruler allows removing Hasan Ali from state exco**  
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SHAH ALAM, Jan 13 — The Sultan of Selangor has consented to removing Datuk Hasan Ali from his position as state executive councillor in charge of religious affairs, said Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim.

Hasan was sacked as a PAS member last Sunday after clashing with party colleagues over several issues.

"Seeing how (Hasan) is no longer a PAS member, I have made the decision that (Hasan) can no longer be a Selangor state executive councillor and have advised Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku Sultan to terminate his appointment," Khalid (picture) told at a press conference here today.

"(DYMM) Tuanku Sultan has agreed with me and he will issue a termination letter to Hasan as exco member," he said.

Khalid said during his meeting with Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah this morning, the latter had given him power to appoint Hasan's replacement.

"The Sultan also advised me to carry out this responsibility wisely and not be influenced by any parties," he said.

"The appointment of the new state executive councillor will be held at the palace on January 18," he added.

However, asked who would be replacing Hasan, Khalid said he "has not received an official candidate list from PAS" and would be meeting with its central leadership in the next two days to discuss this matter.

He added that "as part of the procedure, an exco member will lose all rights and privileges upon not being an exco member".

"The decision is made by the MB and there are no provisions for an independent representative to be in the state exco."

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