

**Shah Alam not a 'city of sin', says PAS MP**  
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SHAH ALAM, Feb 9 — PAS's Khalid Samad today denied allegations that Shah Alam had become a "morally decadent" city under Pakatan Rakyat (PR), saying that the Selangor government had taken all steps to combat prostitution and the open sale of alcohol.

The Selangor PAS deputy commissioner was responding to remarks made by former Selangor PAS executive councillor Datuk Dr Hasan Ali, who had alleged that the sanctity of Islam and the Malays was not looked after in Selangor.

"It is not just about alcohol, gambling, massage parlours... it is also about corruption, slander, lies... and we have changed this when we took over, but he does not see this," Khalid (picture) told a news conference here.

The Shah Alam MP explained that the issue of convenience stores selling alcohol in some housing areas had been resolved without "confrontation or drama" and that it was Hasan himself who caused unnecessary trouble when he got involved in the issue some time back.

"Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in Shah Alam no longer have the problem of alcohol being sold in 7-Eleven outlets, or other stores... when the Shah Alam Municipal Council (MBSA) renewed their licence they told the store owners not to sell alcohol in those areas.

"The reason was simple... they were Malay-majority areas and alcohol sales only made up two per cent of their total earnings," said Khalid, who said that Hasan did not discuss with PAS or the state government when he decided to get involved in the confiscation of alcohol in some 7-Eleven outlets.

"When you say Shah Alam is a city of sin, you are not attacking me, but also the mayor, MBSA... if it is true, tell us where? Where are the places for prostitution? Hotel Carlton? Bluewave? Goodhope?

"Most of these economy hotels are owned by Malays... and they are equipped with suraus, Qiblat signs," said Khalid.

He added that weekly inspections were carried out by officials at these premises, and there was no proof to allegations of vice.

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