

Selangor vows to act on SELCAT sand probe
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SHAH ALAM, March 7 — Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim today pledged his administration will act on the findings of the Selangor Select Committee of Competency, Accountability and Transparency's (SELCAT) probe into claims of sand theft in the state.

The menteri besar also challenged Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders to come forward to the state assembly's graft watchdog and "put their case on record."

"Then the information can be used. If not, I don't know," he told reporters today.

MCA's Kuala Kubu Baru assemblyman Wong Koon Mun accused the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) administration today of dodging its responsibility to take action against wrongdoers, noting that SELCAT has no power to punish illegal sand miners.

Deputy Selangor Umno chief Datuk Seri Noh Omar had also dismissed the panel, chaired by Selangor legislative assembly Speaker Datuk Teng Chang Khim, as a "kangaroo court" despite earlier saying he had proof of corruption in the state's sand mining industry.

But Khalid rebuked the agriculture and agro-based industries minister as a "kangaroo minister" for "failing as a citizen" to reveal any information he had on sand mining deals in the state.

"It is criminal (to withhold information). I am sad that Selangor has such a minister."

SELCAT is currently holding a public inquiry on state-owned sand mining firm Kuala Semesta Sdn Bhd, Yayasan Selangor as well as two independent companies that had been awarded a RM180 million loan by the Selangor Agricultural Development Corporation (PKPS).

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