

Azmin: Hasan Ali spent RM300,000 to spruce up office
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SHAH ALAM, March 23 — Sacked Selangor exco member Datuk Hasan Ali spent hundreds of thousands of ringgit while in office, including some RM300,000 on office renovations, Azmin Ali said today.

Hasan (picture) also forked out RM550,000 for a Selangor Malay Customs and Heritage Corp (Padat) conference when he was chairman of the state body, the Bukit Antarabangsa assemblyman said.

“The money could have been better channelled to the rakyat,” Azmin told the Selangor state assembly this morning, according to his aide Hilman Idham.

Azmin also alleged that Hasan had bypassed the state’s open tender policy for road maintenance subcontracts when he was the exco for infrastructure and public amenities.

This was despite Selangor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim making it clear that subcontractors should no longer be appointed directly, the PKR deputy president pointed out.

“Hasan ignored the order and directly submitted 83 names to JKR Selangor. I have documentary evidence to prove my words,” he said.

Permatang assemblyman Sulaiman Abdul Razak then interjected and asked why Azmin had not exposed Hasan while the latter was still in the state administration.

Azmin explained that he had only received the purported evidence recently and had requested the PAS leadership to look into the matter before Hasan was axed from the party.

Hasan was sacked from the party on January 8 after urging opposition supporters to avoid the January 9 rally in support of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as his sodomy trial verdict was handed down.

The former Selangor PAS chief was later also removed as state exco for religious affairs, Malay customs, infrastructure and public amenities.

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