

Hasan Ali awarded contracts without open tender, says Khalid
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SHAH ALAM, March 27 — Removed state executive councillor Datuk Dr Hasan Ali had awarded contracts without open tender during his tenure, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim said today.

Khalid (picture) made this statement during today's state assembly sitting, saying Hasan did not seek approval from the state treasury not to implement open tender for road maintenance jobs in Selangor.

"Hasan did not carry out his duties by not following protocols," he said, explaining that Hasan needed approval from the state financial officer before implementing such a policy, but had not done so.

"Whereas, he got (approval) from a low ranking officer from the treasury, which is against protocol.

"Only the menteri besar or state financial officer can approve on policies that are against normal state procedures," he added.

Khalid also said Hasan had spent RM329,000 on office renovations, the highest among his colleagues, but acknowledged the latter had followed procedures when doing so.

"When Hasan Ali left as state exco, those assets remained with the government," Khalid said.

"Therefore, there is no need to pursue this matter."

On Friday, PKR deputy president Azmin had accused Hasan of spending RM300,000 to renovate his office, RM550,000 for the launch of the Selangor Malay Customs and Heritage Corp (Padat) when he chaired the state body and bypassing open tenders for road maintenance contracts when he was exco for infrastructure and public amenities.

Yesterday, Hasan insisted that his expenses were all approved by the state government.

The former state PAS chief, who was sacked from PAS and the state government in January for continuously attacking Pakatan Rakyat (PR) for not respecting Islam, Malays and the royalty, also called on the state to investigate similar expenditure by other excos and state subsidiaries.

He also explained to reporters that RM550,00 was spent for the Padat event as there were several other programmes held in conjunction with the launch, all of which were approved by the state government.

Hasan was sacked from the party on January 8 after urging opposition supporters to avoid a

rally the next day 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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