

Pas Youth threatens to send protest note
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GEORGE TOWN: The ongoing tussle between Pas and Parti Keadilan Rakyat for the Penang Islamic Affairs Council (MAIPP) president's post has escalated with the state Pas Youth threatening to send a memorandum to the state government.

Its chief, Yusni Mat Piah, said Pas Youth were preparing the memorandum. He said the state Pas Youth was adamant that MAIPP should be helmed by Penang Pas Commissioner Datuk Mohd Salleh Man and that State Religious Affairs Committee chairman Abdul Malik Abul Kassim of PK should vacate the post.

It was earlier reported that Salleh was promised the post by opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim during the Permatang Pasir by-election in 2009 but the state government overlooked the promise and went on to propose Malik.

The Yang diPertuan Agong has since decreed that Malik head MAIPP but the state government now wants Salleh to be given the post instead.

The awkward situation has led to state Pas leaders calling on Malik to resign from the post but the latter has so far remained mum on whether he plans to do so.

"Anwar made the promise during the Permatang Pasir by-election. If the promise is broken, how can the people trust Pakatan Rakyat?" Yusni said.

Meanwhile, Salleh, when met after opening the World Book and Copyright Day carnival at the Penang Public Library, here yesterday attempted to sidestep the issue and denied that Pas and PKR disagreed over the matter.

"In terms of our relations (between the two), everything is as usual. All is well," Salleh said.

Salleh said he would continue his duties as deputy president, and "will see what happens next after further discussions".

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