

**Penang Umno Expresses Regrets Over Handling Of MAINPP President Post**  
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GEORGE TOWN, April 19 (Bernama) -- Penang Umno today expressed regret over the statement by Penang Deputy Chief Minister I, Datuk Mansor Osman on the appointment of Penang Islamic Affairs Council (MAINPP) president and described it as a political theatrics that were not acceptable.

Speaking to reporters here Thursday, Penang Umno Liaison Committee chairman, Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman said the way the issue was handled showed the state government leadership was neither transparent nor smart.

He said the decision by the state government to push for its preferred candidate - Penang Pas Commissioner Datuk Mohd Salleh Man - to be named MAINPP president showed their irresponsible attitude, which had denied the decision by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, who had approved the appointment of Abdul Malik Abul Kassim from Parti Keadilan Rakyat to the post.

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