

**Establishment Of Steering Committee Contrary To State Constitution - Kedah MCA Chairman
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ALOR SETAR, March 8 (Bernama) -- The setting up of a steering committee by PAS' Central Committee to monitor the PAS-led Kedah government administration is contrary to the state constitution, said Kedah MCA chairman Datuk Chong Itt Chew.

He said according to the state constitution, the position of Menteri Besar and executive councillors (excós) were at the highest level in the state administration for decision-making and need not refer to other committees.

"The establishment of a committee that has the power to over-rule the Menteri Besar and excós can be considered as not respecting the Sultan who consented to their appointments.

"...so should all matters be referred to the steering committee before being approved by the executive council?," said Chong, a former Kedah exco when Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain was as the Kedah Menteri Besar.

PAS secretary-general, Datuk Mustafa Ali announced recently, that PAS' Central Committee would establish a steering committee to monitor the administration of the Kedah state government in resolving a crisis between Azizan and two state excós, Datuk Ir Phahrolrazi Zawawi and Datuk Dr Ismail Salleh.

The steering committee would be a reference point for complaints by Kedah PAS leaders who were not satisfied with Azizan's decisions, he said.

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