

Seven NGOs Demand Jais Action Over Ramadan Political Speeches
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SHAH ALAM, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- Seven non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Selangor on Wednesday submitted a memorandum to the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) requesting an investigation into alleged Ramadan talks of a political nature in mosques and suraus in the state.

A representative of the group, Selangor Anti-Irregularities Coalition (GAPS) chairman Hamidzun Khairuddin, handed over the memorandum to Jais deputy director Mohd Shahzihan Ahmad at the Jais office at the Sultan Idris Shah building, here.

Hamidzun told reporters the memorandum urged Jais to monitor and act to ensure that mosques and suraus were free of politics as decreed by the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

"We regard highly the advice of the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, as the head of the Islamic religion in the state. His Highness has reminded the people many times that mosques and suraus in the state should not be used to make political speeches," he said.

Hamidzun was accompanied by 50 members of GAPS, Selangor Malay Rights Group (Perkasa), Jati Selangor, Ikatan Kebajikan dan Dakwah Selangor (IKDDAS) and Gerakan Prihatin Selangor.

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