

**Johor MCA and Umno at odds over Friday off-day**  
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The Johor MCA has launched a signature campaign to have the state's weekend reverted to Sunday, a move questioned by Johor Umno who believed that the state would not change the decision, a report says.

"We (Johor Umno) are confident that the state government will stand firm by its decision of making Friday the weekend holiday in Johor," Bernama quoted Johor Umno information chief, Datuk Samsolbari Jamali as saying.

An MCA central working committee member has suggested that Johor's rapid economic development was hampered by the move to switch the weekend holiday to Friday.

Jason Teoh, who is also Gelang Patah MCA chief, had on July 4 announced the signature campaign in response to DAP's accusation that the state MCA was powerless over the decision by the Sultan of Johor to make Friday a weekend holiday instead of Sunday.

"I want to remind the DAP representatives that it was PAS state assemblyman Uztaz Abdullah Husin who proposed to the state assembly to make Fridays and Saturdays as the state's official weekends, DAP state assemblymen at that time had not made a single sound against the proposal," said Teoh.

He added that the signature campaign was to help the Johor Menteri Besar decide "after deliberation on the aspirations of all sectors".

The change of weekend, which took effect on January 1 this year, was

announced last year by Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, who had said that the decision was made based on feedback from various quarters and to make it easier for Muslims to perform the Friday prayer.

Other states which observe Friday as a weekend holiday are Kedah, Kelantan, and Terengganu. Prior to 1994, Johor had observed Friday as a weekend. – July 7, 2014.

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