

Selangor Sultan Does Not Consent To Grant Audience To PKR President
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SHAH ALAM, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has not consented to grant an audience to Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail relating to the Selangor Menteri Besar crisis.

Private Secretary to the Sultan, Datuk Mohamad Munir Bani said the istana had received the letter signed by PKR de facto chief Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on August 10 requesting that Wan Azizah had an audience with the Sultan to give an explanation on what had been decided by the party.

"The letter was sent to the Sultan on Monday and he had asked me to inform Anwar that he will not consent to have an audience with PKR president to give an explanation on Abdul Khalid, who already had an audience with him on his position as Selangor Menteri Besar," Mohamad Munir said in a statement in Shah Alam, Tuesday.

Mohamad Munir said the Sultan was of the view that Abdul Khalid's sacking as a PKR member was an internal party issue that did not affect his position as Selangor state assemblyman and Menteri Besar.

He said the Sultan did not want to interfere with the party's internal affairs.

Mohamad Munir said the Sultan also consented that Abdul Khalid remained as the Menteri Besar and that the decision was not made by the Selangor Royal Assembly Council as reported in several local newspapers.

He said the Council of the Royal Court of Selangor meeting that was held on Monday was a scheduled one that was already consented by the Sultan and did not discuss Abdul Khalid's position as Menteri Besar.

"Abdul Khalid has had an audience with the Sultan to inform that he was sacked by the PRK Disciplinary Board and several other matters pertaining to the Menteri Besar's position prior to the meeting," he said.

Mohamad Munir said the Sultan had informed the meeting of his decision to retain Abdul Khalid as Selangor Menteri Besar.

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