

**Former Selangor MB Denies Vote-buying Allegation By Former Kapar MP
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- Former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has denied an allegation by former Kapar MP S. Manickavasagam of vote-buying during the PKR party election in May this year.

Abdul Khalid said the allegation had unfairly attacked his integrity as a candidate in the election and that he was issuing a statement to clarify the matter.

The former menteri besar said that the sums of RM30 and RM20 mentioned were in fact food and transport allowances given to the volunteers in the administration of the election process.

He said Bernama had reported on May 11, 2014, on the PKR election through two articles titled "Kuala Selangor PKR Division election called off" and "Calon Ketua Bahagian PKR Dakwa Khalid Ibrahim Amal Politik Wang" that repeated Manickavasagam's allegation that he (Abdul Khalid) had bribed voters to vote for him, he said in a statement here.

Following is the full statement issued by Abdul Khalid on the matter:

Statement by Tan Sri Dato' Seri Abdul Khalid Bin Ibrahim regarding allegations by S. Manickavasagam on money politics published by Bernama on 11 May, 2014.

1. On 11 May, 2014, Bernama reported on Parti Keadilan Rakyat's elections through two articles titled "Kuala Selangor PKR division election called off" and "Calon Ketua Bahagian PKR Dakwa Khalid Amal Politik Wang" that repeated S. Manickam's allegation I had bribed voters to vote for me.
2. I strenuously deny this wild allegation by S. Manickavasagam and appreciate Bernama's effort to allow me to explain.
3. The sums of RM30 and RM20 mentioned were in fact food and transport allowances given to the volunteers in the administration of the election process.
4. The allegation has unfairly attacked my integrity as a candidate in the said elections and I trust this statement would clarify the issue.

Dated this 10th December 2014.

TAN SRI DATO' SERI ABDUL KHALID BIN IBRAHIM

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