

Selangor MB shocked Zakaria is on holiday

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KEPALA BATAS: Is Datuk Zakaria Mat Deros really ill?

The Port Klang state assemblyman had told his "boss" he was resting in a hospital bed recuperating from hypertension.

The "boss", Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo, was shocked to learn that Zakaria was holidaying by the beach in Alor Gajah, Malacca.

"I am shocked. He said he was suffering from hypertension and was supposed to be hospitalised for a few days," he said commenting on news reports that Zakaria was staying in a chalet in Kuala Sungai Baru, Alor Gajah, where he celebrated Hari Raya with his family.

Dr Khir said Zakaria should contact the palace and seek an immediate audience with Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

"The Sultan wants an explanation from him and he should present himself immediately. This is an important issue and I hope he will make the appointment quickly," he said after attending Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's open house here yesterday.

Dr Khir said he was disappointed with Zakaria's attitude.

"The Tuanku loves Selangor and its people. It is improper of Zakaria to ignore Tuanku who had set the date for the audience."

Zakaria had missed an audience with the Sultan, after being summoned to the palace on Monday.

The Sultan wanted Zakaria to explain the construction of a house in Pandamaran without approval and also to enquire about the controversial appointment of members of his family as Klang municipal councillors.