

See Ruler, Zakaria told

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MB: He should end holiday and face Tuanku over controversy

KEPALA BATAS: Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo has instructed Port Klang assemblyman Datuk Zakaria Md Deros to seek an audience with the Selangor Sultan immediately.

He said Zakaria should end his holiday and meet Sultan Sharafuddin Shah, who had earlier summoned him over the bungalow he built in Pandamaran without approved plans.

"I am disappointed. It is improper for Zakaria to ignore Tuanku (the Sultan)

who had set the date for them to meet.

"He should immediately contact the palace and set the time for a meeting," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after attending the Hari Raya open house hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi here yesterday.

Dr Khir said Zakaria should meet the Sultan immediately because this was an important matter.

"Tuanku wants to see him for an explanation because the issue affects the

good name of his state and his subjects," he added.

Newspapers had reported that Sultan Sharafuddin was unhappy with Zakaria after he failed to turn up for an audience with him.

Dr Khir said he was unaware of Zakaria's holiday in Malacca because he was only informed that he was undergoing treatment in hospital.

"What I knew was that he was receiving treatment for high blood pressure several days ago. I found out from the

newspapers that he was holidaying in Malacca," he said.

On Zakaria's position in Umno, Dr Khir said Zakaria was still Klang Umno division chief. He said Zakaria had not committed a criminal offence or breach of trust.

However, he said, Zakaria's position would be discussed by the Umno management committee while his position as Klang municipal councillor would be discussed at the exco meeting. — Bernama