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KERAJAAN Negeri menyokong pelaksanaan pilihan raya kerajaan tempatan namun masih terdapat beberapa perkara perlu diselaraskan.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Tetap Kerajaan Tempatan, Pengangkutan Awam Dan Pembangunan Kampung Baru Ng Sze Han berkata kerajaan negeri sentiasa menyokong pelaksanaan pilihanraya kerajaan tempatan.

"Buat masa ini kita masih menunggu keputusan Kementerian Pembangunan Kerajaan Tempatan.

"Namun amat jelas bahawa kita sememangnya menyokong pelaksanaan tersebut," katanya.

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PRIYA MENON and SHEILA SRI PRIYA at the Selangor State Assembly

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Spectate and observe at council meetings

Assemblymen not allowed to participate at full board proceedings

SELANGOR is sticking to its decision that assemblymen remain mere spectators when attending local council full board meetings.

State Local Government, Public Transport and New Village Development Committee chairman Ng Sze Han said this was part of efforts to ensure separation of powers at local councils.

He said Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamarudin issued a letter on Nov 21 last year requesting local councils to allow assemblymen and MPs to sit in at full board meetings as spectators.

"We truly believe in the separation of powers which has been practised since 2008.

"Assemblymen can no longer hold the position of councillor at a local council," added Ng.

With this rule in force, assemblymen were not allowed to participate in the proceedings, he said.

Ng said if elected representatives wish to raise issues, they could do so through the councillors.

The matter was raised by Dr Idris Ahmad (PH-Ijok) who said it was important for assemblymen to be part of the proceedings to raise public issues and concerns.

He said assemblymen, as front liners who meet the people, were answerable to constituents.

"People complain to us and not the councillors so we need to be able to speak up at council meetings," he added.

Mazwan Johar (PH-Sungai Ramal) also agreed, saying assemblymen should be allowed to have their say at full board meetings.

"I want to give my views but I cannot.

"For an example, approvals are being discussed for an industrial area near a housing area and residents come to us with their complaints.

Mazwan says residents go to elected representatives to raise their concerns so assemblymen should be allowed to speak at full board meetings.

Dr Idris says it is important for assemblymen to be part of the proceedings to raise public issues.

Rosni is happy that opposition assemblymen were invited to attend council meetings.

Assemblymen can only be spectators at full board meetings, says Ng.

"Residents don't go to the councillors. They come to us because we are elected.

"Can the state government change the rules and allow us to have a say?" asked Mazwan.

Ng said the Local Government Act 1976 clearly stated that only councillors were allowed to make decisions at the local councils.

He added that he would request all councils to arrange for periodical meetings with elected representatives to raise their concerns.

Ng said this would apply to both Barisan Nasional and Pakatan Harapan representatives.

Datuk Rosni Sohar (BN-Hulu Bernam) praised the government for inviting opposition assembly-

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Pusat urut kembali aktif selepas diserbu imigresen, SPRM

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BAGAIMANA pusat urut yang baru beberapa hari diserbu pihak berkuasa boleh kembali beroperasi seperti biasa?

Adakah pemiliknya terlalu berani atau mereka ini dilindungi oleh pihak tertentu walaupun penangkapan telah dilakukan?

Di mana pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT) yang sepatutnya mengambil tindakan tegas dengan menyita pusat-pusat urut ini dan menarik serta merta lesen perniagaan mereka?

Mungkinkah pusat urut yang diserbu itu hanya ditutup ketika serbuan dan beroperasi semula berapa jam kemudian atau keesokan harinya?

Pusat urut tersebut diserbu Jabatan Imigresen pada Sabtu lalu dan kelmarin pula Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM) menangkap 14 orang yang bersekongkol, termasuk tujuh penjawat awam yang disyaki menerima wang sogokan.

Tinjauan *Utusan Malaysia* di beberapa pusat urut haram terlibat hari ini mendapati premis berkenaan beroperasi seperti tiada apa yang berlaku terhadapnya.

Mereka juga masih menawarkan perkhidmatan urut dan aktiviti persundalan dengan harga biasa iaitu RM160 per jam.

Sementara itu, sumber memberitahu, ada kemungkinan pusat urut yang baru diserbu kembali beroperasi seperti biasa kerana mereka mempunyai pekerja tambahan bagi menggantikan yang telah ditahan pihak berkuasa.

Ujarnya, pusat urut berkenaan mungkin kembali aktif kerana pemotongan bekalan elektrik dan air tidak dilaksanakan, lesen tidak ditarik, pengusaha tidak disenaraihitamkan oleh pihak berkuasa tempatan dan dilindungi penguat kuasa yang belum ditangkap.

"Sukar untuk memberkas penguat kuasa gelap mata ini, ada yang beli aset tetapi sukar dibuktikan dari mana wang tersebut diperoleh kerana kutipan setiap bulan tidak tetap," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, Timbalan Ketua Pesuruhjaya (Operasi) Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia (SPRM), Datuk Seri Azam Baki ketika dihubungi memberitahu siasatan lanjut ke atas tangkapan masih berjalan.

SATU daripada pusat urut yang beroperasi di Kuala Lumpur. - UTUSAN/ABDUL NAZIR MOHAMED

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