

 SHAH ALAM: PAS Youth said the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) had used its prerogative to raid a function at the Damansara Utama Methodist Church last week, adding that the movement backs the action. PAS Youth chief Nasrudin Hassan said it supported the Jais action on the principle that the department was keeping the akhlak (conduct) of the Muslims in check. Basically, the role of Jais is to protect the sanctity of Islam. There should not be any doubt on the action it took. Instead, it should be supported, Nasrudin said after meeting Selangor executive councillor Datuk Dr Hasan Ali at his office here yesterday. Claiming Dr Hasan had shown him strong evidence that led to the raid, Nasrudin said he was satisfied with the explanation given by the state exco member. Dr Hasan had been criticised over his support of the raid, with calls from the DAP that he be removed from his state government post. Urging critics not to be prejudiced, Nasrudin said Jais was merely carrying out its duty. Meanwhile, Jais said it would issue warrants to the 12 Muslims who attended the church function to come to its office to help in the department's probe on the issue. Jais investigation and enforcement assistant director Sharom Maarof said the department would apply to the Syariah court for the warrant to be issued. We have issued letters and had phoned them for their statement. However, no one has yet to come forward. We understand their lawyers had advised them not to turn up. Sharom added that Jais would give them time to turn up before issuing the warrants. In another development, Malay rights group Perkasa lodged a police report to call for an investigation into allegations that the church function was used to proselytise Muslims. Selangor Perkasa chairman Abdullah Mansor, accompanied by about 50 members, lodged the report at the Petaling Jaya district police headquarters yesterday. He claimed an unnamed Malay woman had confessed in a blog that she was given a Malay language bible and recordings of hymns at the event.