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# Mayor's transfer postponed

Mohamad Roslan will assume new role in a month

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THE mayor of Petaling Jaya, Datuk Mohamad Roslan Sakiman, will be transferred to the Selangor government as the deputy state secretary in one month.

Chief Secretary to the Government Datuk Seri Ali Hamsa, said it was a routine lateral transfer due to an available vacancy and there were candidates to replace Mohamad Roslan as mayor.

"The Public Service Department (PSD) discussed with the state secretary and, taking into consideration the matters discussed, they said they will postpone the mayor's move," said Ali at an awards ceremony for Financial Management Excellence Based on the Accountability Index at the Federal

Level held at Remote Sensing Agency Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

He said the transfer would be carried out once the mayor had finished some important business, particularly the preparation of the budget for Petaling Jaya.

"The PSD told me that the state secretary will write to us on the number of days needed for him to finish his business. Possibly at the most, one month," said Ali.

He said Mohamad Roslan was a federal officer and such transfers were normal and routinely exercised and also pointed out that Mohamad Roslan would stay within the state.

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performers so we need to give them promotion chances," he said.

Ali said the initial transfer would be a lateral one, but due to additional responsibilities, Mohamad Roslan would be considered for a promotion if one were merited.

"From local government, someone would have to take responsibilities at a state level and later maybe at the federal level," said Ali.

He said they would be immediately providing the name of the person to replace Mohamad Roslan as the mayor of Petaling Jaya and revealed that the candidates were among "leading Malaysians".

Mohamad Roslan is the rope in a controversial tug-of-war which erupted between the federal and state governments on Monday.

The federal government informed the mayor in a letter dated Sept 27 that he had been transferred to the state secretariat and was to assume the new post effective Oct 1.

Meanwhile, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said the federal government can propose a candidate to fill

the shoes of Mohamad Roslan, but the state government has the final say on who takes over the position.

"They can second a name but it has to get consent from the state government," he said after the state executive council meeting yesterday.

"The state government has the authority to appoint the mayor or head of a local council," he said.

Abdul Khalid said the state government will also discuss Mohamad Roslan's transfer with the PSD and a letter was already delivered to Minister in the Prime Minister's office Datuk Seri Mohamad Nazri Aziz on the state government's intention to resolve the matter with the department.

"We will be discussing with the PSD over how best to resolve the issue," he said.