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SELANGOR exco member in charge of Islamic affairs Datuk Dr Hassan Mohamed Ali (*pic*) said the Sultan's royal decree proved Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) guilty of attempting to subvert the belief and faith of Muslims.

Dr Hassan, who is also Pas State assemblyman for Gombak Setia, said the Selangor Islamic Religious Department's (Jais) raid on DUMC was in accordance with the law.

"I am happy with the Sultan's statement that there existed attempts to pervert the Muslim faith in the DUMC on Aug 3," he said in a statement.

"I am relieved the investigation by Jais was conducted according to the law. It in itself denies allegations that Jais did not followed procedures and the law when carrying out the operations."

The Sultan yesterday decreed Jais' raid as legitimate and actions by the state religious authority should not be disputed.

Dr Hassan said the language used in the royal decree showed the Sultan would not tolerate attempts to subvert the Muslim faith in his state showing unequivocal commitment towards safeguarding the community's beliefs.

"I will ensure all enforcement activities will be of high-performance and advance equipment to ensure each case can be defended in the face of justice," he said.

Dr Hassan's statement is bound to irk his fellow State exco members who criticised the raid.

The Selangor government also issued a statement regretting the incident with Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid

Ibrahim calling on Jais to report on the raid.

Dr Hassan was, however, adamant that DUMC was trying to convert Muslims, forcing Abdul Khalid to issue a gag order on all State exco members.

On Aug 3, police and Jais raided a multi-racial thanksgiving dinner at DUMC's Dream Centre in Jalan 13/1, organised by Harapan Komuniti, a non-profit organisation helping women, children, HIV/AIDS sufferers and victims of natural disasters, after receiving complaints of an alleged attempt to proselytise Muslims at the function.

