

PAS (Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party) Youth : Ban Megadeth concert

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PETALING JAYA: PAS Youth has questioned the approval given to American heavy metal band Megadeth to perform at a concert at Stadium Negara on Thursday since it was banned from performing here in 2001.

The wing's information chief Hishamuddin Abdul Karim said the approval for the concert was given without taking into consideration of the bad effects such bands have on the audience.

"We view this oversight very seriously and it is in violation of the guidelines on entertainment in the perspective of Islam published by Jakim (the Malaysian Islamic Development Department) and endorsed by the National Fatwa Committee at their 107th meeting in February 2015," Hishamudin said in a statement on Wednesday.

He further asked how the nation and Malaysians would benefit from the event, suggesting it was little more than an opportunity to witness unhealthy cultures. Hishamudin then insisted that Islam was not against entertainment.

"PAS Youth is confident that PAS, if given the mandate to rule, will not block the organisation of concerts that meet the guidelines set by religious authorities to preserve the prosperity of the public,"



He, however, denied that the party had anything to do with posters spread on social media featuring newly-elected PAS Youth chief Muhammad Khalil Abdul Hadi with an invitation for people to protest against the concert.

“I want to clearly state here that the posters are meant to discredit our leader and he is not involved with them in any way,” he said.

It shows newly-elected PAS Youth chief Muhammad Khalil Abdul Hadi, and an accompanying call to rally against the show. The art direction may have lead some to wonder if the Youth chief is somehow involved in the performance.