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Anwar saga: Turn to prayer in seeking justice

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UNDER the Internal Security Act, those being detained are not allowed any visitors without police permission. Twice, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has been detained under the Act.

The first time he was detained, no visitors were allowed. But when he was detained under the same Act but by a different Prime Minister, Anwar's wife and six children were allowed to visit him.

Therefore, Dr Wan Azizah and her family should be grateful to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who perhaps had given the green light being the Minister of Home Affairs.

Perhaps those who had accused Dr Mahathir of being a dictator and arbitrarily using the ISA to suppress and victimise Anwar should take a break and read a book written by Francis Seow, ex-Solicitor General-turned-politician of Singapore who was detained under the Act.

The book also published a letter from the ex-President of Singapore, C.V. Devan Nair on the same topic. The atmosphere of detentions was far different. The book was banned in Singapore.

My advice to Dr Wan Azizah is, "don't meddle with foreign media". If she thought that by holding street protests, she could run down Dr Mahathir and Umno, she might have had her calculations wrong. The foreign media has an agenda of running down Malaysia as a whole. At the end of the day, who really suffers?

Being Malay/Muslim, we strongly believe in praying to God, instead of using the Western and foreign media as a "kaabah" to seek justice. Why can't we, as Muslims, use mosques to pray to God, seeking for justice to prevail?

We Muslims strongly believe that those who have been ill-treated, will be protected by God. Where is our faith in God?

Hence, in this Anwar saga, if Dr Wan Azizah and Anwar's supporters strongly believe that Dr Mahathir ill-treated or suppressed Anwar, why worry so much? God will protect Anwar.

But if Dr Mahathir does not rule with an iron hand and the actions taken to expel Anwar were proper, then the pressure put on Dr Mahathir by Dr Wan Azizah and Anwar's supporters would be viewed as them involving President Habibie and President Estrada to work as a network to ill-treat and suppress Dr Mahathir.

If that is the case, certainly, God will protect Dr Mahathir and the Umno Supreme Council which makes such "honest" and wise decisions.

Instead of going to the streets to show displeasure, why not have Dr Wan Azizah lead her husband's supporters, including his team of lawyers, to the National Mosque to pray for God's guidance in seeking justice?

Hence justice will prevail and the foreign media will run for shelter.

As for the so-called "human rights of the West" who are currently in Kuala Lumpur to monitor the Anwar saga, I think it's more vital for them to monitor the Bill Clinton saga.

How can they call themselves human rights organisation representatives when they support a person proven to be of such immoral behaviour?

What sort of champion of human rights are they?