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Author `must apologise to PM over book'

PERLIS Umno wants national laureate Professor Datuk Shahnnon Ahmad to apologise to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for using obscenities in his book, *Shit*, to criticise the Prime Minister.

Azihani Ali, representing the State Umno, said that although Shahnnon could not seek forgiveness from Dr Mahathir's mother, there was still opportunity for him to apologise to the Prime Minister.

"I always respect the elders but what Shahnnon did in his book made me lose respect for him.

"He used words which should not be uttered by a national laureate," Azihani said during the debate on the motion of thanks for the presidential address.

She said Shahnnon should emulate two former Pas activists Mohd Ghazali Ahmad and Omar Khalid who openly apologised at the anti-defamation talk on Thursday night for their past involvement with Pas.

Her lively speech won the hearts of delegates, who applauded as she spoke on the matter.

On the Opposition parties, Azihani said Pas, in particular, had made blunders by passing ridiculous fatwa, like endorsing co-operation with satan and approving the use of filthy words.

On the activities of Parti Keadilan Nasional, she said its objective was only to fight for the release of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from prison.

Unlike Umno which has been in existence for the past 53 years and is accepted by a large section of the Malaysian population, Pas and Keadilan would not be able to command similar support.

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