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WAN AZIZAH DENIES BEING UNPATRIOTIC WHILE ABROAD

KOTA BAHARU, May 1 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said today she did not run down Malaysia while she was in the Philippines recently.

The wife of the former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim also said she did not liken Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos as had been reported.

"How could Kak Wan run down Malaysia, I love my country," she told reporters when met at a function at the house of a Keadilan supporter, here today.

Dr Wan Azizah was reported by the mass media as saying that Malaysia now had many similarities with the Philippines when the country was under the rule of former President Marcos.

Dr Wan Azizah explained that her visit to the Philippines was at the invitation of a foundation to receive the "Malados Award" in memory of a group of women from the Malados District who first came to the forefront to oppose the Spanish colonialists.

According to Dr Wan Azizah, at the presentation ceremony she only expressed her gratitude and she believed that the Prime Minister himself would have said the same when receiving awards overseas.

On her meeting with Philippines President Joseph Estrada, she said it was a private meeting and they discussed the condition of her husband.

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