

Umami Hafilda 'a new low for BN'
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Newly-appointed PKR vice-president N Surendran has expressed surprise that the ruling BN has gone even lower than it had ever gone before, in prepping the public for the next general election in resurrecting the 'colourful' Umami Hafilda Ali.

After trying since 1998 to demonise and eliminate Anwar Ibrahim and the opposition reformasi movement from the political scene by recourse to the police force and the judiciary, said Surendran, the "increasingly desperate" BN has now taken to reviving Umami Hafilda, that "faded and vaguely sinister figure" from Anwar's first sodomy trial.

Recounting Umami Hafilda's press conference last Thursday after a 13-year hiatus from the public limelight, Surendran said the sister of PKR number two Mohd Azmin Ali "exuded a great deal of malice but made very little sense."

He was referring to Umami Hafilda's outrageous claim that the opposition victory in March 2008 in winning four new states and retaining Kelantan was due to her absence from the electoral campaign.

Umami Hafilda had also threatened to sue Anwar and several others, but making only vague reference to the abuse of power that Anwar had earlier been convicted of and imprisoned.

Otherwise, said Surendran, "there appears to be no legal cause of action known to our jurisprudence to support her ridiculous claim."

'Foolish woman'

Surendran said bringing out Umami Hafilda and having her "dusted off" is significant given Anwar's challenge recently to debate Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak over matters of national economic policy-making.

"Instead of engaging in an open and free discussion of national issues with the leader of the opposition, the BN chooses to respond by digging up the mouldering bones of an old and discredited slander.

"Oppressive and dishonest, the BN advances its political agenda by engaging in sordid conspiracies against its political opponents.

"Unable and unwilling to engage in free political discourse, the BN constantly seeks to use state powers to criminalise and destroy its opponents," said Surendran.

"Trotting out this foolish woman just as the general election looms closer is surely a new low even for the BN government," he added.

Surendran said BN's antics were typical of the behaviour of "tyrants".

"But like so many other tyrannies, this one too shall come to an end, and our nation will shake off the restraints imposed by BN and stride forward to meet its great destiny."

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