

PKR: New 'hotel video' to cover up budget holes
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PKR today cried foul over the emergence of yet another 'leaked' clip featuring its de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim, saying that it is just a move to distract from the "dangerously weak" Budget 2012.

In a statement today, PKR vice-president N Surendran said that the government is doing this by "condoning and conniving at the dissemination of more fabricated sex videos".

"It is surely no coincidence that this new video comes at a time when Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and his government are desperately trying to defend the recently tabled Budget 2012," he said.

anwar patpong 101011Yesterday, a video was posted on pro-Umno blogs depicting a bathrobe-clad man alleged to be Anwar getting ready for a tryst in a hotel, which blogger Papa Gomo claims to be in the notorious Patpong district in Bangkok, Thailand.

According to Surendran, the latest video, which comes several months after the screening of a more explicit one by the trio referring themselves as Datuk T, "carries all the hallmarks of Umno-BN's conspiratorial, underhand and slanderous approach to national politics".

"This type of sex-fixated smear politics was initiated by Umno-BN during the Mahathir Mohamad administration, when massive state resources were used to fabricate incredible sex-related charges and allegations against then-deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim,

"Continuing in this distasteful tradition, Umno-BN now tries to hide its economic mismanagement, abuse of power and corrupt practices by conniving at fabricated sex videos," he said.

Surendran said that instead of engaging in gutter politics, BN should instead "withdraw and drastically amend their "feel-good" and "irresponsible" budget proposal which "does nothing to address longstanding imbalances".

"We urgently call upon the prime minister, his government and top Umno-BN leaders to abandon gutter politics, and dedicate themselves to the politics of rational debate and discourse," he said.

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