

Celebrating love: Nik Aziz's son blasts Karpal
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PAS Youth deputy chief Nik Abduh Nik Aziz has blasted DAP chairperson Karpal Singh for not respecting the views of other religions and in this instance, the Islamic party's hardline stance on barring Muslims from celebrating Valentine's Day.

Utusan Malaysia on its front page today quotes Nik Abduh (right) as saying that Karpal should learn to respect other religions and not try to force others to accept his views.

"It is not only a PAS view but the view of Muslims. Karpal has to learn to respect other religions, and not force his views upon others. Politics is not the court," says the report, quoting Nik Abduh on his Facebook page.

Meanwhile, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang is quoted in today's Sinar Harian as saying that the party is firm in its disagreement with Muslims celebrating Valentine's Day.

"This is the PAS stand as we cannot encourage freedom of interaction between (unmarried) males and females, as it is against the religion. It is our responsibility to uphold it.

"However, if it is permitted in other races or religions, then go ahead. What we are interested in is safeguarding Muslims," Hadi is quoted as saying in Klang.

"We respect the DAP's views (asking us to withdraw our objection) to such a celebration, but this concerns Muslims. In fact, the government should ban Muslims from celebrating Valentine's Day," he adds.

Karpal is reported to have called on PAS to rescind on its hard stance against the celebration, saying that such a position by the party went against human rights and the freedom of expression.

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