

Don slams unIslamic ways of leaders' families

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An academic has slammed leaders who cannot instil Islamic teachings within their families, asking how they could lead the country when they could not even take care of their own households.

“For example, if their own family members do not cover their aurat, how could they lead the country and tell the people to do so,” said senior lecturer Ridhuan Tee Abdullah (right), according to a Sinar Harian report today.

“Likewise they have to control their children, because they reflect on the leaders themselves,” the Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM) academic was reported saying.

He was presenting his working paper ‘1Malaysia and appreciating Islam’ at the National Ulama Gathering yesterday, officiated by Prime Minister Najib Razak.

Tee, according to the report, slammed leaders and their families for leading extravagant lifestyles while directing the rakyat to tighten their belts.

While the academic did not name names, it is believed he could be referring to the prime minister's wife Rosmah Mansor, who has faced unending criticism for her allegedly lavish lifestyle.

Rosmah has been attacked for allegedly attempting to import a RM24million diamond ring, and most recently for allegedly spending RM 323,000 on 61 pieces of designer garments during her Australian vacation last December.

Najib and Rosmah have however denied the allegations.

Tee also ticked off wives involved in politics who do not admonish their husbands.

“It is very strange when a wife who is involved in a political party or an organisation, does not reprimand her own husband (for wrongdoings),” he said.

He said husbands and wives who discover their family members engaged in “immoral” activities should advise them instead of defending their actions,” he added.

The remark is possibly aimed at prominent women leaders in the news such as Umno Wanita chief Shahrizat Abdul Jalil and PKR president Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, among others.

“My message is clear. We should not defend the indefensible. But this is what is happening in the world of politics today,” said Tee.

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