

Leave my mum alone, Azmin tells Umno
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Responding to the interview of his mother Che Tom Yahaya in Umno-linked TV channel *TV3* over the weekend, PKR deputy president Azmin Ali wants Umno to stop dragging her into its dirty politics.

Unfazed by the onslaught against his personal life, Azmin (*below*) pledged to fight against the “ugly politics” nourished by Umno and its media.

“I call on media not to disturb my mother and Umno not to drag my mother into Umno’s dirty and disgusting politics.

“Family institution including family relationships should be harmonised and not disgraced in the media,” he said in a statement today.

The Gombak MP denied his mother’s allegation that he has been belligerent to her.

“I always love and care for my mother and father. I still pray that my mother always remains in the protection of Allah, receives His mercy and in good health.

“I still love and respect my mother. I am also thankful to be awarded a wife, Shida, who is loyal, and children who understand this noble struggle,” he said.

Despite the slander from Umno, Azmin stressed that he will focus on his duty as PKR’s election director to face the 13th general election.

In the past one week, Azmin has been the target of character assassination by Umno’s media.

After the allegation of being in a sex video which he had denied, his mother went on TV3 to plead for his return to the family.

The interview was also splashed on major newspapers yesterday including *Utusan Malaysia* and *Berita Harian* in which a teary Che Tom related Azmin’s “belligerent behaviour” towards his controversial sister Ummi Hafilda.

In another development, PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail advised Azmin to visit his mother.

“Azmin should visit his mother because that is one of his responsibilities as a son,” she was quoted as saying by Malay daily *Sinar Harian*.