

Johor Umno wants heads to roll over tudung fiasco

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Apology or otherwise, the school administrator forbidding a Muslim teacher from wearing the tudung in school should be punished, said Johor Umno Youth.

Its chief Hahasrin Hashim said while the teacher has accepted the apologies, the authorities must act to prevent a recurrence, reported Umno-linked daily Berita Harian today.

"We respect the decision made (to close the issue) but it is not enough, and we hope the full weight of the law proceeds as it should, as a lesson to all.

"Johor Umno Youth will also be one of the parties that will monitor the matter to ensure that this is carried out fully," he was reported saying.

Meanwhile, Umno-owned daily Utusan Malaysia reported the police saying investigations will continue as the complainant had not retracted the police report over the matter.

Kota Tinggi district police chief superintendent Rahmat Othman reportedly said that once completed, the investigation papers will be submitted to the deputy public prosecutor for further action.

"We hope the case will be settled, as long as the complainant does not withdraw the police report, as long as the case is ongoing," he was quoted as saying when met after the public apology at SJKC Nan Ya in Kota Tinggi.

On Monday, Utusan reported that 25-year-old teacher Choi Yi Shan had been told not to wear her tudung if she wanted to continue teaching at the national-type Chinese-medium school.

At the event yesterday, the school board's chairperson Phang Ah Ngang, 72, together with the school's principal, Chiew Swee Tuan, made the apology to Choi.

Also present were Rahmat, along with the head of Mukim Johor Lama, Mohd Nazri Kasmin, and Kota Tinggi education deputy officer Mohamad Fadil Ishak.

Deterrent punishment necessary

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Razali Ibrahim today said a deterrent punishment should be imposed on those found to have insulted or ridiculed Islam.

According to Bernama, Razali said this was to ensure that such an incident will not recur in the future.

Razali, who is also Umno Supreme Council member, said public apology should not be easily accepted as it was difficult to determine the sincerity of the offenders.

"Or else, the insult on Islam will become a trend as those who insulted Islam, accidentally or purposely, can easily say that they are sorry and find the case solved," he said.

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