

MP denies shaming PM and wife in CNY satire
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Seputeh MP Teresa Kok has denied accusations her satirical Chinese New Year video greeting had shamed Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and his wife Rosmah Mansor, as both were never mentioned in the clip.

Addressing allegations levelled at her, she also denied the 'Onederful Malaysia CNY 2014' video had belittled the efforts of the country's security forces in last year's Lahad Datu confrontation, as that incident too was never mentioned.

There are no references to the Lahad Datu incident as what is portrayed is just the kidnapping case in Sabah involving Taiwanese tourists, where one was shot dead while the wife was abducted, and this, Kok (left) said, is a real incident that is widely known worldwide.

"No names of national leaders, including Najib, were mentioned in the video clip. How could Umno leaders and their henchmen create something that does not exist?" she questioned in a statement today.

"The allegation that I have humiliated the PM and his wife is refuted as there is no dialogue that mention the country's leaders and what had been raised is baseless. What they highlight is only a figment of their imagination," she said.

Kok said the statement by Rural Development Minister Shafie Apdal and pro-Umno NGOs represents that they are twisting the facts.

This, she said, showed that Umno-BN is bankrupt of ideas as what is portrayed is just political satire.

MCA: Bad timing for video release

Shafie (left) yesterday said the video had hurt the feelings of the Sabah community, especially in Lahad Datu following the intrusion in Kampung Tanduo by southern Philippines terrorist, and urged action be taken on the matter.

The Seputeh MP denied Shafie's accusations and said this showed that the federal minister is stoking racial sentiments against her.

This, Kok said, represented that Shafie is not worried over the safety problems in Sabah despite being a minister who hails from there.

She said there is no need for the political satire video to be investigated under the Sedition Act 1948, as it does not refer to anyone and hence, it is not seditious.

The Seputeh MP said if the authorities wanted to investigate her, then she will be the first political satire producer against whom action is being taken.

"This would seem as a political persecution and would seem to be a 'selective prosecution'," she warned.

Meanwhile, Wanita MCA chief Heng Seai Kie also joined in criticising Kok, stating the latter's video has tarnished the image of the country, its leaders and that of MCA.

She further stated the timing of video's release on Chinese New Year would erode any sense of goodwill harboured by the Chinese community towards fellow Malaysians.

"Welcoming the new Lunar New Year is an occasion for celebration, upholding family values, togetherness, imparting goodwill and auspiciousness, and not an occasion nor opportunity to belittle our national leaders or jeopardise the nation's image," she said in a statement.

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