

Umno leader defends slap bounty on Teresa Kok

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Almost two weeks have passed since Seputeh MP Teresa Kok's controversial Chinese New Year video clip stirred the anger of several quarters, but the issue has refused to die down.

Today, state Wanita Umno chief Senator Norliza Abdul Rahim joined a long list of individuals and lodged a police report against Kok at the Bandar Perda police station.

Norliza (right) defended the Coalition of Malay NGOs - Muslim Consumers Association of Malaysia - who offered a bounty of RM1,200 to whoever who slaps Kok for allegedly insulting the Malays and Islam in her 11-minute video clip themed 'Onederful Malaysia CNY 2014' which was uploaded to YouTube on Jan 27.

"You cannot blame them for wanting to slap her as they do it in the heat of the moment," Norliza said after lodging the report.

"She (Kok) should apologise over the furore she caused, she should understand her role well as a leader instead of making unbecoming remarks," Norliza added.

She was accompanied by about 20 party members who, like her, expressed their dissatisfaction over Kok's video.

Kok has defended her video clip, describing it as a political satire on the rising cost of living, expensive lifestyle and the high crime rate in the country.

While Umno has slammed Kok for her video clip, two DAP MPs said that Feb 6, the day chickens were slaughtered and blood smeared on banners with Kok's photos, was a "black day" for democracy, justice and freedom in Malaysia especially for women.

MPs Kasthurirani Patto (Batu Kawan - left) and Steven Sim (Bukit Mertajam) said the NGOs have clearly diverted from the real message of the video clip which highlights the current situation of the country.

The duo said the country is burdened due to lack of leadership and management skills of the leaders to address the various scandals and issues like education,

security, rise in cost of living, misappropriation of funds, cronyism, nepotism, abuse of power and corruption.

"Their action easily showed that they meant to incite racial sentiments and more worrying is the culture of discrimination and mud slinging towards women leaders," said Kasthurirani.

"Will a man be given the same treatment? Women will continue to be victims as long as there are those who are politically immatured," she added.

'An escalation of gutter politics'

Sim said the country is seeing an escalation of gutter politics which tries to provoke communal and religious violence.

These are done by groups who are clearly pro-Umno and pro-BN, he added.

"In Penang, previously we saw pro-Umno extremist groups not only threatening Machang Bubuk assemblyperson Lee Khai Loon and his family, vandalising his office, but also threatening the public with May 13," he said.

Lee also incurred the wrath of Malay NGOs when he held a kangkung themed flashmob against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak in Alma, Bukit Mertajam last month.

"Molotov bombs were also thrown into a church building and now, this act of sacrificing chicken and sprinkling the blood on posters of our leaders as well as inciting physical assaults on Kok," lamented Sim.

Sim urged the police to probe the "violent" group and not to practise double standards as Lee had been hauled up for questioning immediately after his peaceful kangkung flashmob.

"But nothing happens to those who are violent, provocative, and spread hatred. Some people seem to have more freedom than others," he added.

