

PM should learn from my mother, says Dyana
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Perak Dapsy committee member Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud said the Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak should learn from her mother who allowed her freedom to choose.

"I think he should learn from my mother, who allowed their children freedom to think, judge and criticise. They also support me all the way," she told Malaysiakini.

She said that Najib has "an obsolete mind" to think that parents should control their children, judging from his speech on Sept 7.

"By right, we should encourage the young people to think for themselves," she said.

"Mother and father are Umno people, but the daughter joins DAP. So we must 'Umnokan' our children," Najib was reported to have said in Pahang.

If this is not done, Najib (right), who is also Umno president, warned that the exceptional performance of Umno in defending the Malays, Islam and the rulers would not be guaranteed.

Najib said he even loaths (pantang) to hear about people like Dyana.

Dyana's mother Yammy Samat, is a member of Ipoh Barat Umno division and was once the Perak Wanita Umno secretary.

"When he said he pantang to hear about me, that means he pantang to hear from the youths.

"I have seen how my mother worked in Umno. It gave me a clear picture as to which party I should not join.

"I believe in Malaysianising Malaysia, which Umno will not practise," said Dyana, who is also the DAP supremo leader Lim Kit Siang's political secretary.

'Don't manipulate your children'

Dyana stood as the DAP candidate for the Teluk Intan by-election early this year but was defeated by Gerakan president Mah Siew Keong.

When contacted, Yammy said that Najib should leave her daughter alone as the by-election ended over four months ago, and instead urge Mah carry on with his work in Teluk Intan, said Yammy.

She said it was impractical of Najib to think parents can manipulate their children.

"(You) can't even control (your) wife, how can you control children?"

"I gave freedom for her to join any parties, except Party Communist Malaya. DAP is not communist party, DAP is registered," she said.

To attract the young people, she said that Najib should change Umno, which practises "stunting" young people who joined the party.

According to her, the party refrains those with talent and ability from joining when it is not willing to listen to the grassroots and only listens to those in power.

She said she prefers Dyana to join the party which allows her more room to work and contribute, rather than being a common member of Umno who is not able to voice out, she said.