

## **'Repeal Sedition Act to end Nancy's agony'**

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The government has been urged to repeal the Sedition Act to end the “suffering” of Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Nancy Shukri.

The government should also drop all charges and prosecutions under the Act, DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang said today.

The Gelang Patah MP was commenting on how Nancy has been at the receiving end of brickbats for her “outrageous” parliamentary answer on “no prosecution” of Perkasa president Ibrahim Ali for his threat to burn the Malay language Bible because he was “defending” the sanctity of Islam.

“Nancy (right) added fuel to the national firestorm ignited by her answer when she ill-advisedly sought to clarify later with an even more outrageous justification that Ibrahim's action was protected by Article 11(4) of the Federal Constitution.

“These are undoubtedly the worst 10 days in Nancy's political life,” Lim said.

He also called on the cabinet to acknowledge the national and international outrage on the selective manner in which the Sedition Act had been used to stifle “legitimate criticism and dissent”.

“Malaysia has suffered serious damage in international esteem and repute, whether for respect of human rights or the quality of the administration of justice,” Lim said.

He also urged cabinet ministers not to mock today's Bar Council’s walk against the Sedition Act.

“They should instead give it serious consideration and put the Bar Council's memorandum on the agenda at the cabinet meeting tomorrow,” he said.

Close to 1,000 protesters, mostly lawyers, had marched from Padang Merbok to Parliament in their call for the Sedition Act to be repealed.

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