

## **Azalina, you set yourself up by taking photo in Vegas casino**

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**Slumdog:** Let me get this straight, Minister in the PM's Department Azalina Othman Said. You went to Las Vegas, got very excited when you saw all those poker machines and decided to take a photo of yourself in front of the poker machines. So basically you set up yourself for ridicule.

Now you are trying to deflect the brickbats coming your way by scaring the daylights out of the civil servants that they will be charged under the law if they don't use social media responsibly.

But they had nothing to do with the posting of your picture from Instagram.

Your comment that, "I went to Las Vegas, and you know, there are many gambling machines in Las Vegas" is like saying I went to China and you know there are many Chinese there.

**Anonymous #44199885:** I don't see the rationale for the de facto law minister to lecture civil servants when the whole episode that has arisen is due to her act of taking a picture of herself in the casino.

Don't preach to the civil servants as though they are the ones who should be careful with their conduct and their private lives.

**FairMind:** Azalina, would you step into Genting casino, take a photo and post it to Instagram? You wouldn't do it here in Malaysia where supermarket trolleys must be separated into halal and non-halal because of 'confusion', but I see that once you step out of Malaysia you are no longer 'confused'.

You went to a gambling city out of your own volition, took a photo and posted it on Instagram, why blame and threaten the public servants for your own actions? Ask our religious departments or mufti who are keeping a golden silence so far whether it is wrong to take a photo in a casino in a gambling sin city?

As usual, they, who are quick to segregate supermarket trolleys, seemingly apply different versions of Islam depending on whether you are a man on the street or from BN. You wouldn't put your goods in a non-halal supermarket trolley in Malaysia, would you put your whole self in a non-halal gambling premises in another kafir country?

**Thickskin:** So, if a Malaysian Muslim would like to see what a casino looks like, he/she has to go to Las Vegas in order to do so, as Muslims are not allowed to enter Genting casino. This means the poor kampong folk have no chance, while people like Azalina can do so easily.

**Mushiro:** Azalina is wrong to say that the people expect more professionalism from civil servants. The people expect more professionalism, sincerity and truth from government ministers.

Malaysians and civil servants are an intelligent lot and they know exactly how to decide.

The more Azalina tries to hide, the more will be exposed. Someone like Azalina posing in front of a gambling machine in Vegas cannot expect people to believe it is a pilgrimage.

**Anonymous #28648954:** So Azalina, tell us what exactly were you doing in a Las Vegas casino? *Lawatan sambil belajar* (study trip), is it? And who paid for your trip? The Malaysian taxpayers, is it?

**Oscar Kilo:** If you want to go to a gambling den, no need to go all the way to Las Vegas.

Just go to one of the many thousands of gambling dens in shop lots all over the country. Surely the police are aware of these gambling dens, but the dens continue to be in business anyway.

**SusahKes:** So, let me get this right. There's a better chance for Azalina to enter the decadent Sin City, which is certainly one of the most non-halal cities on this planet, than there is for me to enter McDonald's with a non halal-certified cake.

Way to go, Madam. After all, we ought to know better; how dare we question the sense of piety of someone who moved up Abdul Hadi Awang's Private Member's Bill in Parliament?

**Tony Soprano:** Everyone's rushing to judgment without knowing anything about Las Vegas. Tourists wander the two miles or so of the strip and get their photos taken inside casinos all the time.

I've stayed in casino hotels, but I don't gamble. It so happens that their prices are quite low, often under US\$45, obviously with the hope that guests will at least play the slot machines.

There's more to Vegas than gambling. I just came from there and had a good time without gambling. I prefer non-casino standard hotels, but the casino hotels are there if you like a four- or five-star room for a low price. Maybe readers should "listen" more and talk less when they're clueless about some foreign location.

**Worldly Wise:** Gambling is for most people a pastime. But a few go to extremes. Just like drinking alcohol is for most people just a drink to keep company with friends. But a few drink too much.

It is the excesses that we should frown upon. In Azalina's case she did not gamble. She was simply a tourist in Las Vegas. Poor girl.

**P Dev Anand Pillai:** The problem is many here live a pretentious life, on the outside they want to be known as being religious, God-fearing and pious but on the inside, their other side comes to life.

It is not only Azalina, the inner side of them only comes out when they are overseas, far away from the prying eye of their peers and the religious police of Malaysia.

Then just like normal folks, they too love to take photos and now with the social media at your fingertips, they post it. So the question is, why pretend?

**Rupert16:** What Azalina is trying to explain her way out, is akin to telling us that "she smoked but did not inhale". The rakyat are not easily fooled.

**Anonymous 2436471476414726:** This sound like one federal cabinet minister who was photographed having dinner in Sabah where turtle eggs were served on the table.

He admitted the turtle eggs were on the menu, only that he did not eat the eggs.

**TimesAchanging:** Funny, the subject matter is about her and Las Vegas and she talks so much about other people. She said, "Would I take my own picture if I were to gamble?"

This is similar to someone saying, "Would I put stolen money in my own bank account?"

I think someone did exactly that.

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