

Memo to Najib: Sack sexist duo
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DAP MPs have submitted a memorandum to Deputy Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to express outrage over sexist remarks by two Barisan Nasional (BN) MPs in Parliament last week.

The delegation, led by party secretary-general Lim Guan Eng handed the memorandum to Najib's political secretary Fatmi Che Salleh today.

In the document, the MPs demanding the sacking of Said Yusof (left) and Bung Mokhar Radin, parliamentarians for Jasin and Kinabatangan respectively, for their remark against DAP MP for Batu Gajah, Fong Po Kuan.

Lim said such behaviour is unacceptable and a disgrace to Parliament's dignity as the remark is not only highly offensive to Fong, but demeaning towards all women.

"To preserve (Parliament's) status as the supreme institution of the land where the people's representatives deliberate issues affecting the people and enact laws that determine the country's future, there is no place for MPs who show no respect for women," Lim said.

"A full withdrawal and public apology is no longer sufficient as both MPs must be severely punished as an example of Malaysian society's rejection of such disgraceful behaviour."

Lim, who stressed the need for 'quality representatives' for the public said he hoped that Najib would not take a politically-partisan point of view in dealing with the matter, but view it as a husband, father and son as well as a national leader.

"Stern action must be taken to show that Malaysian leaders are serious-minded people who are not discriminatory in race, religion or gender," he said, adding that there is no place for aspiring leaders who harbour prejudice.

According to Lim, DAP has been organising state-wide meetings in Perak daily to express displeasure over the sexist remarks.

Should the government fail to respond, "we will continue our actions and expand the meetings to the national level", Lim said.

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