

MP: No no-confidence motion for now
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Chua Boon Sui (BN-Tawau), who returned to Parliament after a two-week absence, today brushed off speculations that Sabah Progressive Party (Sapp) would leave BN for Pakatan Rakyat.
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After having meetings with Minister in Prime Minister's Department Nazri Abdul Aziz and speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia over her absence in Parliament, she stressed that Sapp was still under BN and there was no intention of "crossing over to Pakatan".

sapp chua soon bui nazri abdul aziz parliament 070708 01"The objective has never been (a crossover). I have no idea why people keep planting that. I've never thought of it before and it was never brought up in the party. This is very new to me," said Chua.

The reasons of her absence, she said, was because of "back-pain" and the threats Sapp had received late last month.

Her party caused a stir last month when it openly declared Sapp has no confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Sapp president Yong Teck Lee had said that the party's two MPs would be either moving or supporting a motion of no confidence against Abdullah in Parliament.

Such a motion has not taken place to date. Apart from Chua, Sapp's other MP is Eric Enchin Majimbun (Sepanggar).

The party has received a show-cause letter from BN for its rebellion and it has until the end of the month to respond.

Motion of no confidence dropped

The Tawau MP also said that the motion on vote of no-confidence will not be brought up against the prime minister for the time being.

sapp chua soon bui parliament 070708 01"We won't be tackling the issue at the moment and we are still in BN. We cannot say when (the motion will be brought up) but we want to keep as it is at the moment," said Chua.

She said that the party did not want to be blamed for any constitutional crisis which could arise from such a move.

"The Sapp does not want to be made the scapegoat if there is emergency rule or any outcome that affect the public," she added.

Chua also said that the government appeared to be doing something about her party's main concern - illegal immigrants in Sabah.

"The people voice has been heard," she added.

"With all the issues being addressed (by Sapp), the government is slowly bringing out the issue with illegal immigrants and we are grateful for the deputy minister to be the chairperson," said Chua.

Chua said that she was grateful of Deputy Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's all-out crackdown on illegal immigrants in Sabah.

Nazri: No action taken

sapp chua soon bui nazri abdul aziz parliament 070708 03Later, Nazri told reporters that Chua discussed her two-week long absence.

"She was concerned about the possible action the BN would take against her for being absent during the motion on inflation. She had wanted to know if it would affect her," he said.

However, the minister said that no action would be taken against Chua, adding that nine other BN MPs were also absent on that day.

"It is normal for some not to attend as they had reasons."

Nazri also revealed that Chua had explained her position and there was no reason for BN to warn them.

"What's there to warn them, they have done nothing wrong. The prime minister - (look at) how liberal he is and he treats us like people who want to express their opinions, what's wrong with that?" said Nazri.

He further stressed that there were also other Umno and BN people who have criticised the government, but no action had been taken against them.

"It is better they come out and express their views rather than keeping quiet and doing something against us," he added.