

All parties told: No open talks on 'Allah' issue
Malaysianmirror.com
04 August 2010

PUTRAJAYA – The Cabinet wants all parties including Barisan Nasional and Opposition leaders not to discuss openly the issue of the use of the word "Allah", which is still being heard by the courts.

Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said if the issue was discussed openly the situation, which was already calm now, could become heated again.

"The Cabinet decided that it would be unwise to debate publicly on this issue as it is still before the courts. Everyone knows, if a matter is still before the courts, we should not be debating it.

"Debating it will not lead us to deriving any benefits because it can again lead to an unhealthy situation," he told reporters after receiving a RM50 million allocation on behalf of the Education Ministry from the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry on Wednesday.

Also present was Women, Family and Community Development Minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

Muhyiddin said this when asked to comment on news reports Wednesday which quoted MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek as saying that Christian groups wanted the issue over the use of the word "Allah" in Christian publications to be resolved as soon as possible.

Chua had also clarified that the MCA did not share the same stand with the DAP on the call to lift the ban on the use of word Allah by non-Muslims.

Muhyiddin said he was aware that there were certain parties who were trying to play up the issue to serve their own vested interests.

"However, as a responsible government, the government's stand is final in that whether BN components or the Opposition, they should refrain from discussing the issue publicly because it will be sub-judice.

"If I say this, the other side will say something else. What will be the result? ... there will be chaos. The BN government as a responsible government does not want this to happen," he said. — Bernama

Copyright © 2009 www.malaysiamirror.com

Source :

<http://www.malaysianmirror.com/media-buzz-detail/6-nation/47798-all-parties-told-no-open-talks-on-allah-issue>