

**Rais Finally Refutes Accusations**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, -- Information Communication and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim today refuted allegations, including of rape, made against him by bloggers and opposition political parties.

"I refute the allegations, whether they are about raping any individual four years ago (2007) or any other allegation, raised by bloggers on the Internet or by any political entity," he said in a statement.

He described the "wild allegations" against him of late in blog reports and by opposition political parties as heaps of libellous statements and awful, ugly and wicked lies.

"I state readily that any report by anyone so far related to this matter should be investigated under the country's laws," he said.

Dr Rais said he and his family members were prepared to extend full cooperation in such an investigation, and would accept and comply with any outcome of the official probe.

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