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Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil says Shamsidar Taharin, too, should attend Scorpene briefing



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Include wife and Nalla in briefing, Anwar urged

KUALA LUMPUR: Barisan Nasional Wanita chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil has challenged opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to include his wife and a former close associate in the proposed parliamentary briefing on the Scorpene submarine purchase.

"I was informed that Anwar has invited two experienced lawyers from France to give a briefing to members of parliament here on details of the Scorpene submarine purchase.

"Given that the lawyers are coming all the way from France just to

discuss Malaysian issues, perhaps Anwar should also invite his former close friend, Datuk S. Nallakaruppan, to meet the two lawyers," she told reporters yesterday.

Shahrizat said Nallakaruppan would be able to tell the lawyers about Anwar's other "part-time activities".

"I also urge his wife and Parti Keadilan Rakyat president Datuk Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and Shamsidar (Taharin, wife of PKR deputy president, Azmin Ali) to sit in on the discussion.

"Together they can discuss what exactly he (Anwar) is up to in his

spare time," she added.

Earlier this month, the opposition leader had invited French lawyers William Bourdon and Joseph Brehm to Malaysia in November to explain alleged discrepancies in the Scorpene submarines purchase by the federal government in 2002.

Bourdon and Brehm are lawyers for Suara Rakyat Malaysia (Suaram), a pro-opposition non-governmental organisation that is a party to an ongoing inquiry on the purchase of the submarines in France.