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would like to take the opportunity to say that we are against any threat of violence either against her or her family, and would like to urge all parties involved to think rationally about the issue at hand before making any decisions,” the committee said in the statement uploaded on its Facebook page.

In the Charge.org [petition](#) created on March 8, Chung had lobbied public support for the Malaysian Society to debate a motion on removing Najib’s portrait from the alumni wall at Nottingham University’s Kings Meadow Campus as a sign of protest.

While the petition itself had so far garnered over 4,000 signatures, news reports on the matter had earned Chung condemnations and threats from Najib’s supporters, with some proposing for her Malaysian citizenship to be revoked.

#### ‘Chung is independent’

“The committee would like to maintain that the society is non-partisan and will remain unbiased throughout the handling of this issue.

“We are therefore obliged to allow the motion to be debated during our society’s AGM on March 16. We will not comment further on the utility of the motion and will leave that concern to be discussed by the members of our society,” it added.

The Malaysian Society, meanwhile, also said it had no hand in proposing the motion or petition, and that Chung is independent of any affiliation with a political party.

“Her statements in the petition is one that is calling for an act that will symbolise a need for accountability on the part of the PM, who is a figure that represents at best the citizens of a country.

“Nowhere in Chung’s petition or motion does the committee find a statement by her supporting or attacking any specific political party,” the committee noted.