

Fury over 'sex festival'
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THE Seksualiti Merdeka festival became a "hot" issue, with several lawmakers questioning Bersih 2.0 chairman Datuk S. Ambiga's role in the controversial event.

Zulkifli Nordin (Ind-Kulim Bandar Baharu) said the movement was promoting unnatural and casual sex which were against the country's norm, religion and culture.

"This sex festival, using a false name as a human rights movement, did not consider the feelings and sensitivities of the Muslim community.

"Their actions are turning our country into a place with no morality," he said when intervening during the winding up of the Supply Bill 2012.

Zulkifli insisted that the movement must be immediately stopped and condemned those who supported the movement.

"To make it worse, the event will be launched by Ambiga, who is also the former leader of the Bar Council.

"We urge the authorities to take action against the organisers who promote this unhealthy culture," he said.

Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud (PAS-Kota Raja) said that although she was against the movement, the authorities should instead engage the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

"If it (festival) was not controversial, I would like to attend and hear the group's problems so we can do something about it," she added.

She also said the Government should consider enacting a law to make casual sex a crime similar to sodomy.

Earlier, Datuk Bung Mokhtar Radin (BN-Kinabatangan) demanded that authorities block the movement from going ahead with the event.

"This group, supported by Ambiga, promotes same sex relationships. It will damage the country's image.

"Events that support casual sex which will exacerbate baby dumping problems," said Bung.

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