

Wan Azizah 'should deny claims'

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PARTI Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail should deny the bisexual allegations against her husband Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to show support for him, Jaringan Melayu Malaysia (JMM) said in a statement yesterday.

JMM's national director Farahhana Jamaludin said Dr Wan Azizah, as the PKR president and wife of PKR's de facto leader Anwar, had to swear under oath that Anwar was not bisexual as alleged by Senator Datuk S. Nallakaruppan.

"Denying these allegations is important to show the moral support of a wife towards her husband.

"She should also indicate whether she agrees or disagrees with Nallakaruppan's statement that bisexuals are not qualified to be a prime minister or an opposition leader in Malaysia.

"We want to know what she thinks about this issue."

She added that she was also waiting for Dr Wan Azizah to deny Nallakaruppan's assertion that Anwar had a secret affair with PKR deputy president Mohamed Azmin Ali's wife Shamsidar Tahrin.

Former PKR Penang Wanita chief Aminah Abdullah and Penang Wanita Umno chief Zabariah Wahab had also made similar calls earlier for Dr Wan Azizah to take responsibility as a wife to clear her husband's name, face the media and give her views on the allegations.

Anwar had on Monday filed a RM100 million defamation suit against Nallakaruppan and Utusan Malaysia, as well as its editor-in-chief, over an article published in the newspaper which he claimed labelled him as a bisexual.

Meanwhile, JMM yesterday launched its first awareness campaign against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transsexuals (LGBT) and free sex in the country.

The campaign, themed "Tak Nak LGBT dan Seks Bebas" was launched at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Miharja, Cheras. It is also expected to be launched at 29 other schools nationwide.

JMM's president Azwanddin Hamzah said the campaign was to help inculcate good values in the younger generation, as well as to remind parents and teachers of their roles in moulding the students.

He said based on JMM's research, 21 police reports were lodged over bi-sexual activities involving primary and secondary schoolchildren alone, last year.

"The figure is alarming. JMM believes the campaign will help prevent students from indulging and getting involved in immoral acts, such as LGBT and free sex," Azwanddin said after launching the campaign and handing out "Tak Nak LGBT dan Seks Bebas"

buntings to SMK Miharja's Parent-Teacher Association chairman Mohammed Iqbal Yusoffsa.

He said JMM targeted schools, especially secondary schools, for its campaign because teenagers were a vulnerable age group.

"Through this campaign, we want to make sure we reach out and make them understand what's right and what's not.

"We also want parents and teachers to participate and build a closer bond with one another to ensure better communication with students, be it at home or in school."

Azwanndin said JMM's campaign comes with a four-hour module for students and lecture sessions for teachers and parents.

Some 400 teachers, parents and students attended the launch.

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