

Nurul Izzah rubbishes claims of planned Sabah protest
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KOTA KINABALU, June 1 — Federal lawmaker Nurul Izzah Anwar, barred from entering Sabah on Thursday, described allegations that PKR planned to have a demonstration at KDCA “as fabricated and utterly ridiculous”.

“The allegations are meant to tarnish my character and justify the unjustifiable deportation of BN dissenters,” she said in a brief message.

“I deplore the fact that the Sabah Barisan Nasional government is repeating such fabrication without an ounce of responsible fact-finding,” she added.

The Lembah Pantai MP and PKR vice president was responding to an article in Borneo Insider quoting sources that she was planning to head a PKR demonstration at the KDA during the state-wide Kaamatan.

Her denial comes soon after Penampang MP Darell Leiking said that the accusation is a “lie and riddled with speculation”.

“This allegation is indeed a politically motivated lie and imagination engineered to cause hate and suspicions,” he said in response to an article in the Borneo Insider Friday.

“I deny each and every allegation of such ‘planned demonstrations’ at KDCA at all,” Darell said in a scathing response to the article headlined, “Was Nurul Izzah planning demo at KDCA”.

“It is in fact a surprise and a shocker for me and all of us to hear and read of such allegations,” he said. “Nurul Izzah was here to attend and join in the Kaamatan at KDCA as my personal guest.

“She has in fact attended several Kaamatan events held by Penampang Keadilan before, but had never experienced Kaamatan on the 31st May 2013 more so at KDCA.”

Darell said that, as such, any speculations or allegation of any demonstrations is a total figment of imagination by people who are afraid of their own shadows unfortunately.

“There had never nor was there ever any plans to do such a thing other than to mingle in fellowship with Sabahans as Izzah and so many Malaysians have done before.

He added that any decent person of faith would never politicise Kaamatan nor even taint it with any political gains.

“Such irresponsible allegations smacks well of a political motive and one which is nothing more than an excuse,” he added, saying the authorities — who should be truthful in all they do — should reveal what and where such imagination of a so-called demonstration crept up from.

He again challenged the chief minister and the Sabah Cabinet to provide the “real” reasons for barring and deporting Nurul Izzah, and for the list of people who are also persona non

grata in Sabah. — Borneo Insider

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