

**Anwar, Ambiga, Kit Siang, Rafizi also on Sabah blacklist, leaked letter shows  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 3 — A letter from the Sabah Chief Minister's Office to the state Immigration Department has confirmed that apart from Nurul Izzah Anwar, her father Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Lim Kit Siang, Datuk Ambiga Sreenevasan and Rafizi Ramli are also on a blacklist barring them from entering the east Malaysian state.

The May 21 letter, which sports the letterhead from Datuk Musa Aman's office, also says the list was given the Sabah Cabinet's stamp of approval following its first meeting last month on May 15 — 10 days after the 13th general election.

"The Cabinet has agreed that the Chief Minister invoke his absolute powers under the Immigration Act and, in accordance with certification from the Sabah Royal Malaysian Police Special Branch chief, not to land these individuals to Sabah," the letter said, before it listed out the names of the five politicians and the Bersih 2.0 co-chairman.

According to Sabah DAP chief Jimmy Wong, a reliable source from the Immigration Department had leaked a copy of the first page of the document to him.

The document was sighted by The Malaysian Insider. From the single page, the duration of the blacklist or its reason was not stated.

When contacted, Lim described the ban as "ridiculous", pointing out that the government was making a mockery of democracy by not only banning its own citizens from entering a state in the country, but legally elected representatives.

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"It looks like we are still in the thick of it," he said.

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Last Thursday, Nurul Izzah was barred from entering Sabah upon arriving in Kota Kinabalu to celebrate Pesta Kaamatan, or the Harvest Festival, in her personal capacity.

Explaining the ban on Saturday, Musa was reported as saying that those who pose a threat to the Sabah ideals of peace and harmony will not be welcomed to the state.

He added that state never restricted other opposition leaders before the polls, but believed Nurul Izzah had a different intention this time.

"Now that the elections are over, their leader refuses to accept the verdict. It is a case of sour grapes and ungentlemanly conduct. He wants to rile up the masses to rally throughout the country to show his, and I repeat, his discontent," he said.

"We have reason to believe that Nurul Izzah's intentions to come to Sabah, this time around, may not be as innocent as she or her fellow opposition members make it out to be,"

he added.

Commenting on Nurul Izzah's deportation, Wong said in a statement that the move would only make the young daughter of Pakatan Rakyat (PR) de facto chief Anwar an even bigger political hero.

"No matter how much Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman tries to explain that it is not politically motivated, the body language of abruptly packing off an opposition leader the moment she arrived communicates an instant message that it is all about politics.

"The people didn't have to wait three days for the chief minister to explain what it is," Wong said.

Yesterday, Nurul Izzah accused Musa of fabrication when he accused her of trying to incite hatred and mistrust among the people against the Barisan Nasional (BN) government.

"Clearly the allegations are fabrications, whatever he's trying to paint against me," Nurul Izzah told reporters during a thanksgiving open house here.

PR leaders have been protesting the results of the May 5 general election, claiming the ruling BN had emerged victors due to massive vote-rigging and other forms of electoral fraud.

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