

**Nurul Izzah's ejection from state 'big mistake', says Sabah BN MP  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 31 — PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar's deportation from Sabah yesterday is a "disaster" and a "big mistake", Umno's Kinabatangan MP Datuk Bung Moktar Radin said last night.

Penampang MP Darell Leiking from PKR also criticised the barring of the Lembah Pantai lawmaker's entry into Sabah, saying that it had "hurt our state's reputation as hosts".

"I believe this is a big mistake... and it needs to be corrected," Bung Moktar tweeted on his @MyKinabatangan Twitter handle, tagging Nurul Izzah and Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman in his tweet yesterday.

"I don't understand why Nurul was not allowed to enter Sabah. If it's true, then this is a mistake and a disaster," added the Umno supreme council member.

Nurul Izzah was denied entry into Sabah upon arriving in Kota Kinabalu yesterday evening.

Darell pointed out that Nurul Izzah had come to Sabah to celebrate Pesta Kaamatan, or the Harvest Festival, in her personal capacity.

"Why is it that Malaysians joining a festive celebration with fellow Malaysians, especially the Kadazans in Sabah, now a reason for denial of entry?" said Darell in a statement late last night.

Darell said the Sabah government had the right to bar anyone from entering the state, but stressed that the right should not be abused.

"I challenge the chief minister and the state Cabinet to explain to the people of Sabah and Malaysia as a whole why this act transpired," he said.

Another PKR vice-president, Chua Tian Chang, was similarly barred last April from entering Sabah.

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