

**Don't just solve the problem, hold school responsible for ordering kids to eat in shower room, says Guan Eng**

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Punish those responsible for ordering non-Muslim students to eat in the shower room during recess, said DAP's Lim Guan Eng.

In a statement released today, Lim called for stern action after authorities decided to "close the case" that occurred at SK Seri Pristana.

"Solving the problem is one thing but punishing those responsible is equally important to ensure that such incidents do not recur," said the DAP secretary-general.

The school located in Sungai Buloh, a 15-minute drive from Kuala Lumpur, came into the spotlight after a parent posted on Facebook photos of students having their recess in a shower room.

The post that was up on Monday quickly went viral, causing uproar among Malaysians over the school's poor treatment of its non-Muslim students.

The education ministry launched a probe on Tuesday and by yesterday evening, Deputy Education Minister P. Kamalanathan said that the "issue is resolved" and that the canteen will be reopened today.

Lim, however, argued that the ministry's quick closure of the case would only "be seen as a cover-up" if no further actions are taken against the parties involved.

Furthermore, Lim said that the photos of policemen with weapons standing guard outside the school sent a wrong message.

"It is as though the authorities were preventing parents from "seeking answers".

Unhappy with Kamalanathan's passive response, Lim urged the government to take stern action to eliminate the feeling of "victimisation" felt by non-Muslims.

"A strong message must be sent that civil servants must respect the sensitivities and rights of all communities.

"Failure to do so will only accelerate the negative perception that the sensitivities and rights of non-Muslims can be trampled upon without punishment," he said.

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