

Don't punish Chetz, educate her, says PAS
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PAS wants the dog trainer who produced the controversial YouTube video to be educated on the right way to handle dogs, not punished for it.

Information chief Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said Maznah Mohd Yusof, 38, may lack understanding of Islam and her love for dogs may have propelled her to purify the dogs in the same way Muslims did their ablution before prayer.

"It is not wrong for Muslims to own dogs but they should be aware of the ways to handle it and to clean it according to the Syariah way," he said in a statement today.

Urging the public to have a spirit of forgiveness, the former Pahang state assemblyman, also asked the public to be considerate toward Maznah, otherwise known as Chetz.

"Is it fair to criticise Chetz in the media till there is a surge of outbursts as though she is an evil person?"

"Since Raya is coming soon, I hope Malaysian Muslims offended by Chetz's video would forgive her," said Tuan Ibrahim.

He hoped Muslims familiar with handling dogs would consider producing a clip on how to handle the animal without offending the faithful's sensitivities and upload it on YouTube.

Maznah was thrown into the spotlight last week after Umno-backed Malay daily Utusan Malaysia reported the existence of a video on YouTube that showed her washing her dog's paws similar to the way before Muslims performed ablution before prayer.

Following the report she was remanded for two days at the Segamat police station before her release last Friday.

She has insisted that she has meant no harm and refused to apologise for the video.

"I will not say sorry for something which I believe was not wrong. Accusing me that I wanted to insult Islam is akin to defaming me," she had said. – August 6, 2013

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