

Your silence is deafening, DAP tells Muhyiddin
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The Education Minister's silence and inaction in the SK Seri Pristana issue is sending out the wrong message to educators in schools nationwide.

DAP's national vice-chairman M. Kula Segaran (pic) said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's indifference to the plight of whistleblower Guneswari Kelly, who had to transfer her daughter to a vernacular school, has angered the public.

Guneswari, a parent of a pupil at the school, had exposed how non-Muslim pupils at the school were made to have their recess in a shower room during the Ramadan month after she posted a photo on Facebook.

Her nine-year-old daughter had suffered after that when she became the target of abuse by teachers of the school.

Two days ago, Guneswari told The Malaysian Insider that she will transfer her daughter to a vernacular school in Subang as a result of the bullying. The mother had also been the target of threats.

"Why has the Education Minister remained silent when what he should have done is to punish and transfer the headmaster and teachers responsible for this?" said Kula, who had earlier promised to raise the matter in Parliament.

"Three days ago, I had asked him if he is powerless or heartless, or both? He (Muhyiddin) has not responded," Kula said referring to his statement on Tuesday.

"I will ask in Parliament why Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin should not be called a powerless and heartless education minister.

" Anyone would have expected the education ministry to spring into action to stop the bullying of the pupils and punish the headmaster and teachers, but nothing like that has happened here," he said.

Kula then took a dig at Muhyiddin, who is also the deputy prime minister, remarking that perhaps the latter did not mind being called powerless and heartless. - August 9, 2013.

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