

**Zulkifli Noordin criticises Kajang church for inviting Anwar to speak to congregation**  
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A former Perkasa leader today lambasted the Holy Family Church in Kajang for allowing PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to address its congregation last weekend, questioning why was the church getting involved in politics.

Zulkifli Noordin, who was the Malay rights group's deputy president until December last year, had in a blog posting said it was also rude of Anwar to raise the "Allah" issue in the church while addressing the congregation.

"Does this mean that the revelations made by former DAP veteran Razali Abdul Rahman is true?" Zulkifli asked.

"Is there really a conspiracy between the Church and Christian followers in national politics to make Malaysia a Christian nation?"

He was referring to a Utusan Malaysia report in May 2011 headlined, "Kristian agama rasmi?" (Christianity the official religion?).

Following the article, Razali lodged a police report claiming he had attended a meeting with Christian leaders on May 5, 2011. The meeting, which was held in Penang, was allegedly attended by a group of pastors and DAP elected representatives.

Utusan had alleged that the meeting allegedly discussed a plot to turn Malaysia into a Christian country and to install a Christian prime minister.

Zulkifli said the church administrators should have been aware that Anwar was expected to campaign for the Kajang by-election next month.

"By allowing him to address the congregation, it means that the church is directly involved in Anwar's campaign to attract support and votes," Zulkifli said.

"Imagine if a mosque or surau in Kajang was to invite Umno leaders to give a speech or campaign after Friday prayers.

"I am quite sure that the opposition parties and their allies would be raising such a racket until it reached the ears of the United Nations!"

Zulkifli said it would be a good idea for Umno to ask the church administration for an opportunity to address their congregation.

"Then we will see whether they are political hypocrites or are truly in support of democracy and freedom of speech," Zulkifli said.

Church authorities have previously invited Umno leaders to speak to churchgoers but such invitations had always been turned down.

He also accused Anwar of making a mockery of the edict issued by the Sultan of Selangor which forbids non-Muslims in the state from using the word Allah.

In addressing the congregation at the church last weekend, Anwar joked that when a person boarded a flight from Kuching to Kuala Lumpur, he would say "Insyallah, I'm going to KL".

However, upon arriving in Kuala Lumpur, the person would have to say "Alhamdu Lord".

Zulkifli also suggested that Anwar's defence of Christians to translate the word God to "Allah" for the Bible in Bahasa Malaysia was an insult to PAS.

"Anwar's defence is a clear contradiction of the stand adopted by the PAS Syura Council. It is clear that Anwar has forgotten the support and assistance he received from PAS."

The controversy over the use of Allah by non-Muslims has been addressed by PAS and the Islamic party has agreed that Christians may use Allah in their Bahasa Malaysia bibles, as well as in worship, as long as it is not used to propagate Christianity to Muslims.

Echoing a controversial article by Utusan Malaysia on Sunday, Zulkifli questioned how much longer did Muslims have to be patient.

"Do we appear to be soft and accommodating? Is that why there are so many issues which involved insults against Islam and the Malays?"

"Until now, there does not seem to be any firm repercussions taken against these irresponsible parties in spite of their provocative comments and actions."

"Do Islamic followers need to take action on their own because they have lost confidence in the authorities," Zulkifli said. – February 20, 2014.

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