

Anwar wants Putrajaya to explain '1Malaysia bomoh' at KLIA
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The opposition leader has called on Putrajaya to explain how a bomoh was allowed to conduct rituals inside KLIA to locate the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the presence of the bomoh (Malay for Shaman) had made Malaysia a laughing stock among the international community.

"This is KLIA. Who gave permission? Is it MAS, is it Department of Civil Aviation? Even Barack Obama (US president) must have been amazed with our stupidity," he said debating the Royal Address today.

Anwar said the bomoh appeared to be endorsed by the establishment or had links with the establishment as he was wearing a "1Malaysia pin.

"He even had a 1Malaysia tag on him. This is bomoh 1Malaysia," he said

Earlier today the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) said that it was taking steps to stop anyone from carrying out rituals that contravened the teachings of Islam at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

Its Sepang district enforcement chief Zaifullah Jaafar Shidek said it had stationed seven officers at the airport to stop individuals or bomoh (Malay for shaman) performing rituals, "praying" for the safe return of the missing MH370.

"Anyone going against shariah principles and fatwa will be asked to disperse and if they refuse, we will arrest them," The Star Online reported him as saying today.

The decision appears to have been prompted by a bomoh who had carried out "rituals" at KLIA on Monday and had predicted about the fate of the missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370. He returned to the airport yesterday.

Ibrahim Mat Zin, who is known as Raja Bomoh Sedunia Nujum VIP, with the title of Datuk Mahaguru, was assisted by several assistants.

He said he was carrying out these rituals on his own, despite earlier reports quoting him as saying that he had been invited by high ranking government officials.

Dressed in lounge suits, they carried out rituals with the use of "zam zam" water, two coconuts and an "enchanted" walking stick, with three of his assistants squatting on a carpet.

"The purpose of the rituals is to weaken the bad spirits so that the rescuers can find the plane if it indeed had crashed," Ibrahim had said. – March 13, 2014.

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