

## **DAP ready to work with the govt to set up sex offenders registry**

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KUALA LUMPUR, DAP is willing and ready to work with de facto Law Minister Nancy Shukri over her call yesterday to set up a registry for sex offenders.

“So that together we can make Malaysia a safer place,” the party’s assistant national publicity secretary Teo Nie Ching said in a statement.

The Kulai Member of Parliament also agreed with Nancy that the Attorney-General’s Chambers should seek a review under Rule 137 of the Rules of the Federal Court on the recent Court of Appeal’s decision to acquit Bunya Jalong.

The acquittal of Bunya — who recently admitted to using his finger to penetrate his 15-year old victim — she said was a gross injustice that needed to be remedied immediately.

Teo went on to applaud Nancy’s promise to review laws to ensure all were amended to suit the current needs of Malaysian society.

The decision of Court of Appeal, she said, would set a dangerous precedent that would make the prosecutor’s job to convict a rapist more difficult in the future.

“While we cannot control the decision of the Federal Court in the review, if any, we as lawmakers must do our part to reform and review the laws without any delay. I urge Nancy Shukri to engage us in the process of review.”

Nancy had also yesterday said further amendments seem necessary as various agencies were also seriously looking into related laws involving obscene materials including child pornography.

Last Thursday, Kuching Appellate Court acquitted 60-year-old Bunya Jalong from Sibulapang from raping a 14-year-old girl and impregnating her five years ago.

The court ruled out rape as the accused inserted his semen smeared finger into the victim’s vagina and not through penile penetration.

Despite DNA test proving Bunya as the father of the child, the absence of penile penetration into the vagina ruled out rape in accordance to Malaysian law.

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