

Child porn convict needs rehabilitation, says Mara chairman
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Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara) chairman Tan Sri Annuar Musa today said that the Malaysian student convicted of possessing child pornography in the United Kingdom needs "rehabilitation", adding that helping people who have problems is a "responsibility".

Annuar, who is also Ketereh MP, said in a Facebook post today that many youths lose their way due to the approach of condemning and not offering assistance.

"What more cases that involve psychiatric disorder that needs support and treatment and not condemnation alone?" he asked.

He said that Mara has not decided whether to appeal the conviction of Nur Fitri Azmeer Nordin, 23, who was sentenced to five years jail in the UK for possessing over 30,000 images of child pornography.

However, he is still considered a Mara-sponsored student and is being aided on "humanitarian grounds", Annuar said.

Nur Fitri was studying at the Imperial College in London under a Mara scholarship.

There has been talk that Nur Fitri might be offered another scholarship when he returns to Malaysia, but Annuar said that Nur Fitri should be allowed to continue his studies regardless with or without a scholarship.

"Condemnation must have a limit. Should we condemn a convict forever?" he asked.

He said that helping those who have made mistakes does not mean trivialising what they have done.

"They still have a long future and we are duty bound to help them," Annuar said.

Mara's soft stance on Nur Fitri following his conviction has caused public uproar in Malaysia. – May 6, 2015.

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