

Nurul Izzah: Malaysia Day holiday was Anwar's idea
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PKR vice-president pledges to uphold Sabah sovereignty amidst photo furore.

SHAH ALAM: PKR vice president Nurul Izzah Anwar has reminded the public that it was her father, jailed opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, who first acknowledged Sabah and Sarawak as equal partners.

“It was PKR de facto leader (Anwar) who was the first to suggest a Malaysia Day holiday, acknowledging that Sabah and Sarawak are equal partners,” she said.

She also pointed out that Pakatan Rakyat had laid out plans for a Pan-Borneo Highway in the Orange Book (the coalition's policy programme) for years. We came up with that suggestion,” she said in a winding up speech at the PKR national congress here.

The highway, portions of which have been under construction, is expected to be fully completed by 2023, and will link Kuching with Kota Kinabalu.

Nurul also spoke of the political attacks on her over a photograph she took with Jacel Kiram of the Sulu separatist family in the Philippines and said she would continue to defend Sabah's sovereignty despite being barred from the state.

She said it was the work of political parties with bad intentions.

Accused of being guilty of treason, she responded by saying: “We will prove who is the real traitor. Open your masks and show yourselves. Don't stoop so low to the level of gutter politics that brings about hate and animosity.”

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