

**Najib: Disrespectful for a Malaysian to meet with Sulu 'princess' after Lahad Datu invasion**  
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**Nurul Izzah triggered controversy by posing together with Jacel Kiram for photographs during a trip to the Philippines. — File pic**

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 — It is disrespectful for any Malaysian to “meet and mingle” with any individual with ties to the perpetrator of the Lahad Datu invasion, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today.

Although he did not name anyone, Najib was likely referring to PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar’s recent meeting with Jacel Kiram, the daughter of Jamalul Kiram III — the self-styled Sulu “sultan” whose forces invaded Lahad Datu back in 2013.

Taking to Facebook and Twitter this morning, the PM said meeting “the person who has relations with the recent Sulu terrorist” hurts the feelings of all Malaysians, and especially Sabahans.

"The Lahad Datu invasion by the Sulu terrorists is still fresh in our minds. We lost many of our armed forces in the most cruel way at that time.

"The decision made by a citizen of country to meet and mingle with the person who has relation with the recent Sulu terrorist is disrespectful to the feelings of the people, especially Sabahans," he posted on his social media accounts today.

Nurul Izzah triggered controversy by posing together with Jacel Kiram for photographs during a trip to the Philippines.

10 Malaysian security personnel were killed during the Lahad Datu invasion.

Nurul Izzah later confirmed that she was in the Philippines on November 9 with fellow federal lawmaker Chua Tian Chang as part of a PKR delegation to meet with “various stakeholders” there, and explained that the guests were decided by the organisers and she had no knowledge she would be meeting Jacel.

Last Thursday, the Sabah legislative assembly voted in favour of a motion to ban Nurul Izzah and Chua from entering the state over the issue.

Police are also investigating both lawmakers over the meeting.

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