

Review Diplomatic Ties With North Korea - BN Youth

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) Youth has urged the Malaysia government to review its diplomatic ties with North Korea following the continuous disrespect and questioning of Malaysian rule of law.

Its deputy chairman, Khairul Azwan Harun said the demand demonstrated the deep anger and dissatisfaction felt by Malaysians when the country's own law was questioned by a foreign party.

According to him, it was evident that the North Korean Embassy in Malaysia had blatantly and undiplomatically defamed Malaysia.

"The numerous statements released (by North Korea) contain serious and unfounded defamatory accusations to the effect of painting our rule of law as susceptible to foreign interventions, manipulations and incapable of delivering a right and fair result.

"Malaysia, as a sovereign state will never tolerate any act of intrusions and disrespect towards our institution, leadership and the people of Malaysia," he told reporters after handing over a two-page note of protest to the embassy's representative, here today.

Khairul Azwan also urged the Malaysian government to withdraw from the visa-free agreement with North Korea.

"Notwithstanding, we wish to remind the Embassy of North Korea that both our countries have benefited from bilateral diplomatic and economic relations," he added.

Tension between Malaysia and North Korea has been on the rise since the probe into Kim Jong-nam's killing started.

The North Korean Ambassador, Kang Chol had continuously condemned the Malaysian government and the investigation by the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM).

He claimed the police had only targeted and pinned the suspicion on North Korean citizens and accused Malaysia of colluding with South Korea.

Jong-nam was at KL International Airport 2 (klia2) at 8am on Feb 13 to board a flight to Macau.

An hour later, two women suddenly appeared before Jong-nam, and wiped his face with the palms of their hands which contained a poisonous liquid.

Jong-nam sought help at a customer service counter at the airport and was rushed to Putrajaya Hospital but died on the way.

He had come to Malaysia on Feb 6 and carried a passport bearing the name Kim Chol.

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