

Korean : Opposition Wants Special Briefing - Wan Azizah

KUALA LUMPUR, March 8 (Bernama) -- Opposition leader Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail today called for a special briefing for all Members of Parliament on the Malaysia-North Korea issue which had resulted in Malaysian citizens being prevented from leaving that country from yesterday.

Wan Azizah who is also Permatang Pauh Member of Parliament said the briefing was important so that no Member of Parliament (MP) made a statement which could affect the investigations and worsen the situation.

When debating the motion of thanks to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong for his opening speech at the Dewan Rakyat, Wan Azizah said the briefing must be held by the relevant parties such as the Foreign Ministry and the Home Ministry.

Wan Azizah also expressed her worry about the country's defence abilities, assets and expertise in tackling the situation.

"Is our defence adequate? What is going to happen now? All these need explanation. We cannot talk what is outside our knowledge," she said.

North Korea's official media, KCNA yesterday reported that Pyongyang's decision to prevent Malaysian citizens from leaving the country would be effective for as long as Kim Jong-nam's murder case in Kuala Lumpur is not properly solved.

There are currently 11 Malaysians in North Korea, comprising three officials and staff of the Malaysian Embassy as well as six family members. Two more are participants of the United Nations' World Food Programme.

Malaysia has taken similar action by barring North Korean nationals from leaving the country, from last night, with immediate effect.

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