

**Khairy wants Nazri-Karim issue resolved in true BN spirit**  
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**BN Youth chairman says he believes both individuals can discuss the matter amicably according to the principles of comradeship and consensus.**

SIMUNJAN: The tiff between Tourism Minister Nazri Aziz and Sarawak Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports Minister Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah should be resolved in the spirit of Barisan Nasional (BN).

BN Youth chairman Khairy Jamaluddin, who is also youth and sports minister, said he believed both individuals could sit down to discuss the issue.

He said it was important now more than ever and the solution should be based on the spirit of BN comradeship.

“I just discussed with Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof (Sarawak BN Youth chairman) and I hope the issue will be resolved in the spirit of BN.

“In BN, we have our principle of musyawarah (discussion). We have the principle of comradeship and consensus.

“The issue should not be overplayed in the media and I believe it will be settled, as it is a policy matter which can be discussed between minister and minister.

“I am not the tourism minister. I can comment as BN Youth chairman and hope the issue will be settled amicably.”

He spoke to reporters after leading the 2017 SEA Games Torch Run at Samarahan Division at Batang Sadong Bridge, Simunjan, this evening.

Meanwhile, Karim, who was at the function, when asked to comment, said he did not want the matter prolonged.

“No need to comment. YB Khairy has said just now to settle it amicably and I have no problem with that. There is no need to get angry during Ramadan,” he said.

When asked about the decision of the Sarawak government to withdraw its participants from Tourism Malaysia, Karim said the decision was made a while back and was not due to the latest squabble.

He said the state government made the decision as the Sarawak Tourism Board was playing the same role.

“The decision has nothing to do with what happened between my ministry and the (federal) tourism ministry.

“The decision maybe was made at the same time but they are not related,” he said.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Anifah Aman, who is also Kimanis MP, said the matter should be resolved through diplomacy as BN placed much emphasis on unity.

He said any problems and issues, particularly those affecting the welfare of the people of diverse races and religions, must be tackled through discussions and diplomatic approach.

“Such issues need to be settled amicably to avoid raising matters that can hurt the feelings and sentiments of the people in Sabah and Sarawak,” he said in a statement here today.

Anifah said, as a friend of Nazri, he would like to advise the Padang Rengas MP to take the first step to settle the matter amicably.

“Of course, YB Datuk Seri Nazri will be reproached for the sake of the common good.

“We in the BN family always respect and resolve any problems through proper channels to maintain harmony.

“The mandate and trust given by the people must always prevail in the interest of all Malaysians.”

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