

BN plays 'games' to divert from bad news, claims DAP rep

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Kasthuri Patto says whenever there is negative news on the government leadership, 'silly' reports will emerge as BN's diversionary 'game'.

BUTTERWORTH: The playing up of odd news such as the sexual gestures made on a model's cardboard image and reports admonishing a Muslim for having contact with dogs could be a diversionary tactic to steal the spotlight from bigger issues like 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), DAP's Kasthuri Patto said.

The Batu Kawan MP said responses to such incidents were likely intended to help the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) government detract attention from real "bread and butter" issues affecting Malaysians.

She said she had observed that whenever there was negative news about Prime Minister Najib Razak and his wife Rosmah Mansor, "silly" news would emerge.

"Dog-contact issue, Shell (petrol station) cardboard issue... Can you see the trend? Whenever there is a 1MDB issue, we will find (news on) a part of MH370 on some distant island.

"Whenever (an allegation on) Najib is raised, we will be given a big update on MH17.

"This is their game... Let us not be fooled by propaganda from Umno and BN," she told a ceramah in Penaga here yesterday.

Kasthuri was referring to the life-sized cardboard standee of a Malay woman in a tudung at a petrol station, which was "kissed" and "groped" by several men. The standee was subsequently removed from the petrol company's stations nationwide.

On the issue of touching dogs, the Malaysian Islamic Development Department (Jakim) had recently urged a Muslim woman not to come into contact with her adopted stray dog, following a viral video of her professing her love for canines.

"This is war, let's bring our weapons in the form of a pen, let's mark the votes for change so that we can topple BN from Putrajaya," Kasthuri said.

"But pakcik, makcik (uncles and aunties), don't get riled up now and forget about it the next morning. Bring this 1MDB issue to your coffee shops, let it boil until the next polls," she added.

The “Sayangi Malaysia, Hapuskan Kleptokrasi” ceramah was the first stop in a road show by Pakatan Harapan (PH) to inform people on the 1MDB issue.

Speakers included PKR secretary-general Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, DAP’s Tony Pua, Amanah’s Muhammad Faiz Fadli and PPBM’s Yaakob Osman.

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