

## **No PH statement over Nurul Izzah's remark - Saifuddin Nasution**

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PUTRAJAYA, March 25 (Bernama) -- PKR secretary-general Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail today denied that the ruling Pakatan Harapan (PH) coalition had issued a statement that went viral today over a remark made by Permatang Pauh MP Nurul Izzah Anwar of PKR.

He said he contacted all the secretaries of the PH component parties on the matter and was informed that there is no such PH statement.

“This is another fake news to create tension among the PH parties,” said Saifuddin Nasution, who is the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, at a press conference after launching the ‘Citarasa Malaysia - A Day with Small and Medium Enterprises’ programme, here.

Saifuddin Nasution was commenting on the viral statement, bearing the PH logo, which stated among others that the political coalition continues to support the leadership of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as its chairman along with the leaders of the component parties and fully backs the mission to rebuild the country from a kleptocracy.

According to the viral statement, the statement was issued together by the PH Secretariat chief secretary Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah; Saifuddin Nasution; Bersatu secretary-general Datuk Marzuki Yahya; Amanah secretary-general Anuar Tahir and DAP organising secretary Anthony Loke.

The statement is purported to have been issued in the wake of an interview Nurul Izzah, a former PKR vice-president, gave to *The Straits Times* of Singapore in which she is alleged to have spoken of “turbulence and chaos” in the political developments in Malaysia over the

past year and allegedly expressed disappointment over the admission of former UMNO members into PH.

Saifuddin Nasution said he would have to seek clarification from Nurul Izzah before making any comment on the matter.

On another matter, he said he respected Nurul Izzah's stand that the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) should be an opposition MP.

Nurul Izzah resigned as a member of the PAC as Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee, a former UMNO MP, continued to remain as the chairman of the PAC after joining Bersatu.

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