

Anwar not keen on Umno, says Azizah

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FORMER deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is still a political force to be reckoned with and that is why Umno delegates still see fit to attack him in their speeches, said his wife Datin Seri Wan Azizah Ismail.

Wan Azizah, who is the Parti Keadilan Rakyat Nasional president, said that the delegates had attacked Anwar because what her husband had said was relevant to them.

"If they do not consider him a political force, they would not bother," she said.

On Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin hitting out at Anwar for saying that the New Economic Policy was no longer needed, Wan Azizah said that Anwar had taken this stand because after 33 years, the NEP had failed in enriching its bumiputra target group.

On Umno Youth saying they did not want Anwar back in the party, she said: "He is not even considering this (rejoining Umno). Anyway, Anwar was dismissed from Umno for alleged sexual misconduct, which was proven to be untrue by the court. On that score, he should have been reinstated."