

Getting access to phone numbers not hard, says Saifuddin

KOTA KINABALU: Getting access to phone numbers of party officers that were used by perpetrators to circulate the sex video clips purportedly involving PKR deputy president Datuk Seri Azmin Ali recently is easy, says party secretary-general Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

"This type of information is not that difficult to obtain. We just don't go around giving it out but for those who wish to have these details, they can get them," he said during a Hari Raya event here yesterday.

He said that during the last party elections, it was a prerequisite for all members to give out their details.

"For people to suggest this was a planned movement by the central leadership (for whatever reason), it is not true," he said, in response to Azmin's call to the party disciplinary board to find out how those who circulated the sex videos gained access to the phone numbers of party officers.

PKR's Santubong Youth Chief Haziq Abdullah Abdul Aziz, claimed that he and Azmin were the two seen in the viral sex video.

Azmin denied he was the one in the video, saying that this was a plot to end his political career.

Saifuddin urged Azmin to stay strong during this trying time as the



Fostering unity: Anwar (centre in light coloured baju Melayu) and state leaders during the cake cutting ceremony at the Sabah PKR Hari Raya open house.

any decisions with regards to the challenges faced within the party at the moment.

In Johor Baru, PKR youth chief Akmal Nasir said he was confident that the police would conduct a thorough investigation on the sex videos including how it was circulated on social media.

"We do not have any legal right to confiscate all of our leaders mobile phones.

"I hope there will be no interference as the police have already started investigations," he added.

Akmal, who is also Johor Baru MP, said this when met during the Johor Baru parliamentary Hari Raya open house held here yesterday.

Asked if Azmin should take leave following the allegations against him, Akmal said the youth wing respected and supported the decision made by the PKR political bureau.

"However, it is up to the Cabinet and Dr Mahathir to answer on whether Azmin should take leave or not," he said.



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Prior to his departure from Kota Kinabalu, Anwar had a brief meeting with Sabah PKR leaders and urged them to take care of the party discipline.

He also advised leaders and members to think rationally and not rush into taking sides or making

video earlier this week, where they had agreed to let the police do all the investigations.

PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was present at the event but he did not want to be interviewed on any issue as he was rushing to another function.

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"All those involved have lodged their police reports so it is better to leave this to the police so that there will be clarity," Saifuddin said.

He added that they had immediately called for a political bureau meeting following the spread of the