

Obedient Wives Club draws flak from women groups, real motives questioned

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Petaling Jaya, Jun 6 - The Obedient Wives Club (OWC) announced that they would be offering sexual courses on how women could better pleasure their husbands in the bedroom to stop the latter from straying, during the launch of OWC's Malaysian chapter at Rawang on Jun 4.

OWC believed that women should be equally skilled under sheets, just as they are in the kitchen or around the house.

Its vice president, Dr Rohaya Mohamad, said that wives who can serve their husbands better than a first-class prostitute in bed, would be able to keep their husbands from straying.

However, this has drawn flak from women's groups like All Women's Action Society Malaysia (AWAM) and Empower Malaysia.



Maria Chin Abdullah, Executive

Director of Empower, told Klik4Malaysia (K4M) during a telephone interview that she was shocked with OWC's initiative to turn married women into sexual gratification tools for their husbands.

"It is downright insulting to women, not to mention disgusting and disgraceful, especially when the

statement came from another woman," Maria said.

"Women are not just bound to domestic roles. They also have a critical role to play in at the workplace, where many women are in leadership positions and contributing immensely to the company and the economy. OWC is not giving women enough due credit by limiting the women's roles to the confines of their home," she added.

Maria has also urged men to step forward to defend their partners and to reject such biased and restrictive view of women's role in society.

AWAM's acting president, Ho Yock Lin, also expressed shock that women's role were being relegated to a mere sex object to satisfy the lust of their spouses.

"Their view that great sex can help eliminate domestic violence, rape, sexual harassment is nothing more than a misguided and narrow view of the situation. This shows that OWC is totally misinformed about the real causes violence against women," Ho said in a statement.

"This is nothing more than a patriarchal attitude and violation of women's dignity. Men who really appreciate their wives treat them as equals and respects them as another human being," she added.

Ho said that a harmonious home could only be founded upon mutual respect and equality in an egalitarian society.

Meanwhile, Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) vice president and Member of Parliament for Batu, Chua Tian Chang (Tian Chua), told K4M that he has certain reservations about the whole matter.

"Women should never be viewed as sex objects to satisfy the lust of their spouses, to stop the men from straying or to curb domestic violence. There must be an equal footing in a marriage and no one should submit to the other regardless of gender," he said.

However, Tian Chua said that it would be difficult to objectively comment on OWC's real intentions because there are still grey areas which needs clarification, especially on the alleged links between OWC and Al-Arqam.

"We only have one side of the story by the media over the weekend," he said.

Al-Arqam was a worldwide Islamic religious movement which originated in Malaysia that was outlawed by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad back in Oct 21, 1994.

Its founder, Ashaari Mohammad, was the spiritual leader of the movement, having four wives and 37 children.

Ashaari was detained under the Internal Security Act (ISA) for his heretical views on polygamy that had deviated from true Islamic teachings. Ashaari passed away at the age of 73, on May 13, 2010.