

PM's plan over varsity entry is seditious, says PAS

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KUALA LUMPUR: PAS has described the Prime Minister's statement that the Government may try out meritocracy for Malay students as the basis for university entrance for a year as being tantamount to sedition.

PAS information chief Azizan Abdul Razak said such an act was against the Federal Constitution which stipulated that no one could question the special privileges given to the Malays.

He said Umno would have to face the consequences should it take away such rights, even if it was for a year.

"The move, if implemented, will also spell Umno's defeat in the next general election.

"On one hand Umno says that it is protecting Malay rights and on the other, it is threatening to do away with the rights," he said yesterday.

On Saturday, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government was prepared to take drastic actions to "wake Malay students from their slumber", including enrolling them into public universities strictly on merit.

He also said that the Government was prepared to amend laws and even the Federal Constitution so that Malay students would not become "political victims".

Azizan said the only thing the Malays had at the moment was political power because economy, education and almost everything else were not in the community's control.

He said the threat was equivalent to the Malay proverb "*Marahkan nyamuk, kelambu di bakar*" (burning the mosquito net when one's angry with the mosquito).

"If you are angry with PAS, then fight the party. Umno should not make Malay students victims of political circumstances," he added.