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No room for complacency

AS pointed out by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, we should be wary of liberal adventurists and religious extremists who exploit racial and religious sentiments in the guise of liberalism and religious absolutism. We should not allow these instigators, local and abroad, destroy our remarkably harmonious multi-racial relations.

Freedom and peace are not without an ethical dimension. Making politically explosive demands is a devious attempt to test the limits of both legal and political constraints. Yet there are some cheap hustlers and charlatans who persist in undermining the country's religious and racial harmony by suffusing the nation's political discourse with so-called religious dictates and politics of hate.

Ideological idealism should not go beyond the orbit of legality and the nation's tradition of harmonious pluralism. Nor should dissent descend into crassness and lawlessness. Malaysians from all walks of life must rise and speak up out against this attempt to infantilise our political minds and undo the country's unity.

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