

Perkasa wants Malay version of Pemandu
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Malay rights NGO Perkasa has called on the government to set up a bumiputera agenda equivalent of Pemandu.

Claiming that the government's Performance and Management Delivery Unit is "lacking" in serving the bumiputera and Malay agenda, Perkasa economic bureau chairperson Zubir Harun (left) said that the new body can focus solely on improving the economic welfare of the Malays.

"There is no commitment from the different agencies (in their transformation plan)," he said.

He also said that it should be called the Bumiputera Economic Planning, Implementation and Monitoring Unit.

"Its chief executive officer should also have a minister's ranking. If not, they should also only report to the prime minister.

"The person to head this new unit should be a hybrid of someone with the Malay rights interest. We don't want a Malay liberal who will, in the end, not have a Malay agenda," said Zubir, who is also the Perkasa vice-president.

He also stressed that the new unit should have the capacity that Pemandu now enjoys, but the functions and the roles of the two will not clash.

"This unit can start the initiative of the bumiputera agenda, while Pemandu can focus on their work in general. There is no clash. They can complement each other and the government can continue with their transformation plan," he said during a press conference in Kuala Lumpur this evening.

He also added that most of the labs formed to study the economic welfare of the bumiputeras have been equally ineffective so far.

"There are so many labs among the bumiputera NGOs... but from what we found, these labs are ineffective, time-wasting, unstrategic and with weak methodology," said Zubir.

All this will be top on the agenda when Perkasa organises their roundtable on the Malay economy in early February next year, which they claim will be attended by all the Malay NGOs.

JCorp should not sell QSR and KFCH

Meanwhile, Perkasa deputy president Rahman Abu Bakar was also relieved at the Johor menteri besar's recent announcement that the state investment arm would not be selling off their cash cows - QSR Brands Bhd and KFC Holdings.

"However, we are surprised and confused when we heard that Johor Corporation had such a huge amount of debt of RM3.6 billion," he said.

He added that the initial plan to sell off QSR and KFCH was an "unstrategic and unwise decision that can only work in the short term" to alleviate the debt problem.

"But even if they do need to sell it off, they should sell off the two companies to other government-linked companies with a Malay/bumiputera agenda such as Felda or Tabung Haji," said Rahman, reading out from a statement.

JCorp had earlier this month made headlines with the revelation of their debt, as well as their plans to restructure the state development authority.

One of the largest investments arms in the country, JCorp boasts a stable of around 250 companies.

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