

**Gerakan joins in chorus to slam Nazri**  
**Malaysiakini.com**  
**May 19, 2011**

Outspoken Malay rights pressure group Perkasa chief Ibrahim Ali's infamous 'jihad' against Christians remark has indeed reviled many Malaysians.

But Malaysians appear to be even more offended by de facto law minister Nazri Abdul Aziz's response to Ibrahim's statements, describing it as a "norm" and that the rakyat have to "live with it".

The Umno leader has angered even his own counterparts in Barisan Nasional, who say Nazri's remark is akin to "beating the drums of racial and religious hatred, and violence promoted by Perkasa".

Vocal Penang Gerakan leader Baljit Singh (right) has denounced his legal peer for not initiating stern action against Ibrahim over his "seditious words", which, the former said, can cause discord between the different religious groups.

"Ibrahim's statements, if allowed to become actions, can injure people. Is Nazri waiting for blood to spill before taking the necessary action?" queried Baljit angrily.

"Is it a norm for innocent people to be hurt or killed? What is Nazri waiting for? Is he waiting to celebrate over the deaths of innocent people over this so-called jihad expoused by Ibrahim?" he asked further.

Baljit, who heads the party's legal and human rights bureau, urged the BN-led government and Umno, the ruling party, not to allow Ibrahim's brand of extremism to accelerate.

**'Parts affected would become septic'**

If left unattended to spread with impunity, he added, the disease of fanaticism would permeate the entire country, where the parts affected would soon become "septic and need to be quickly amputated".

The lawyer was incensed with Ibrahim's outburst on Saturday at a 1Malaysia event, where he declared a crusade against Christians who allegedly plotted with the DAP to set up a Christian state.

The Pasir Mas MP had also blamed certain parties for undermining the "sovereignty" and "dignity" of Islam as the nation's official religion and Malay special privileges.

He went so far as to accuse these parties of being agents of the banned Communist Party of Malaya, who are emboldened by support from PKR adviser and former deputy premier Anwar Ibrahim, Islamic party PAS and Malay liberals.

Ibrahim (left) persisted with his vilification of these groups despite the pastors and the DAP denying vehemently that there was any such plot.

His remarks, however, did not cause a ripple among government leaders like Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein, who quickly dismissed Ibrahim's views as not representing all Muslims in Malaysia.

Nazri, when asked to comment, went a step further to say that no action would be taken against Ibrahim as his remarks were now a Malaysian "norm".

Baljit said Nazri's statement had opened the "floodgates of extremism" in this multi-racial country.

He strongly disagreed with Nazri's view that Ibrahim's comment was a "norm".

"What does Nazri mean by 'norm'? If the crimes of sodomy, rape and incest is the norm, does it mean we

do not need to take action against the perpetrators?” he queried.

Baljit said Malaysians were a sensitive lot, and knew perfectly well how to behave when confronted with racial and religious issues.

However, he accused Perkasa of being against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's 1Malaysia concept to unite the different ethnic groups.

#### **'Hearts and soul not in PM's team'**

He revealed that certain quarters within Najib's cabinet were against the concept as their “hearts and souls” were not in the PM's team.

“These certain quarters should know where the exit door is. If not Najib must boot them out, failing which, his 1Malaysia is nothing but rhetoric,” he stressed.

Meanwhile, Baljit criticised the coalition he belonged to, saying that the BN had failed to undertake the much needed reforms following their worst defeat in history in March 2008, by allowing the likes of Ibrahim to persist.

“Where are the changes the BN wants to undertake within the party? It seems the situation has become worse. The more the PM promotes 1Malaysia, the more racist statements are being made,” he said.

Baljit said no right thinking Malaysians had questioned the federal constitution which enshrines Islam as the country's official religion.

He continued to condemn Ibrahim for creating, out of his illusion, a fictitious enemy.