

Ex-judge warns Chinese of backlash for 'betrayal'

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Former Court of Appeal Judge Mohd Noor Abdullah today warned that the Chinese Malaysians must be prepared for a backlash from the Malay community for their "betrayal" in the recently concluded 13th general election.

"The Chinese betrayal towards the Malay's hand of friendship - that is true. Because they plotted to seize political power even though they already have economic power," he said to raucous applause at a forum in Kuala Lumpur today.

mohd noor abduallah ex court of appeal judge 130513The forum, titled "GE13 post-mortem: Muslim leadership and survival", was organised by UiTM Malaysia Alumni Association and Gabungan Pelajar Melayu Semenanjung and held at the Premiera Hotel.

Mohd Noor said some had defended the Chinese community by saying they were supposedly misled by certain leaders but this was done in order not to hurt their feelings.

"For the Malays, the pantang larang (taboo) is to be betrayed, because when they are betrayed, they will react and when they react, their dendam kesumat tidak tersudah-sudah (wrath will be endless).

"When Malays are betrayed, there is a backlash and the Chinese must bear the consequences of a Malay backlash," he said.

The constitutional expert said that Malays had thus far been defensive and if they were to go on the offensive, they should demand for the creation of more Malay reserve lands, including in the cities.

"The nice term would be called 're-organising society' but the crude term would be for Malays to emigrate into the cities so that we will own the houses together with others and not only be able to just look at them," he said.

He added that the Malay reserve lands can be allocated in such a way that would ensure Malay majorities which would be a "green zone" during the next general election.

'Two-thirds in everything'

He also called for the presence of two-thirds Malay presence in key sectors by ensuring there is 67 percent share for Malays and bumiputera in education, civil services and businesses.

"Arrange it in such away, that from today on, every businesses would have a 67 percent share ready for Malays to be taken up at any time," he said.

bicara kepimpinan dan survival ummah 120513Mohd Noor also called for the abolition of the term "Chinese" and "Indian" which would be replaced by "Malays" and Non-Malays" or "Bumiputera" and "non-Bumiputera".

"The orang asli are our cousins, the Sabah and Sarawak Bumiputeras are our relatives, everyone else are just our neighbours because they came to menumpang (stay) here before.

"We gave them recognition and protection and eventually citizenship until they became rich," he said.

However, when approach by reporters later, Mohd Noor appear to soften his stance and said he and other speakers were only conveying the mood of the Malay community.

"There may be a counter-backlash from the Chinese but let us all be sober and try to understand each other's feelings. Come and sit at the round table and find a solution.

"The law must be implemented tooth and nail and anybody who talks about racial disharmony, creating friction among each other - last time there was ISA - now, charge them because sedition law says anybody who create ill-will among the communities, you can be charged, you can be convicted," he said.

Karpal cries sedition

Currently, Mohd Noor sits on the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) complaints committee and formerly sat on Umno's disciplinary committee appeals board.

In an immediate reaction, DAP chairperson Karpal Singh described Mohd Noor's remarks as seditious.

"There is no doubt Mohd Noor has used language which is extremely provocative.

What he has said amounts to sedition.

"I call upon the police to have the necessary report lodged against Mohd Noor with a view to his being charged for sedition," said Karpal, who is also a veteran lawyer.

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