

Don't change present laws, reiterates Dr M
MalaysiaKini.com
July 18, 2013

Former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad reiterated that the present laws that had been formulated and implemented need not be freely changed as it would create problems to the country.

Mahathir, as reported in Utusan Malaysia, said the laws should not be amended to accommodate pressure from certain groups as this would lead to chaos.

The longtime former premier said the people had been living in peace, harmony and respecting each other as a result of the existence of such laws which serve as guidelines.

"However all that changed when such laws as the Internal Security Act (ISA) had been repealed and there are people who dare to degrade the sanctity of the Islamic religion. They dare say such things about our religion whereas in the past, this has not happened.

"If there is no law then this will happen," warned the former premier.

Meanwhile, Perkasa president Ibrahim Ali said that detention without trial is still needed, especially in new legislation that would replace the Emergency Ordinance and the Sedition Act.

"Detention without trial is still needed, there is no reason why the new laws replacing the EO and the Sedition Act should be without them," said the Perkasa president, adding that the hike in crime, if left unchecked, would result in security issues.

All this, he said, is due to the ISA being repealed.

The two were speaking to the press after Mahathir had met with Perkasa officials in Putrajaya.

NONEMeanwhile, Perak mufti Harussani Zakaria (right), as reported in Sinar Harian, has proposed that those who degraded Islam as Alvin Tan and Vivian Lee had done should have their citizenship revoked and be banished.

"This is in the constitution (Islam) and those who do not respect it shows that the

person does not appreciate the sovereignty of the country and the existing government.

“When this happens it is better we revoke their citizenship. There is no need to bar them from one state to another, it is better that the citizenship be revoked,” he said, adding that he also proposed that those who degrade Islam should be imprisoned for at least five years and they should not be let off with a fine.

Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak had said the government does not rule out of new legislation that allows detention without trial.

Copyright © 1999-2012 Mkini Dotcom Sdn. Bhd
Source: <http://www.malaysiakini.com/news/236037>