

Don't go to the Dr M dark side, Hindraf warns Najib
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Persatuan Hindraf Malaysia, once an enemy but now an ally of the administration, has expressed concern about Najib Abdul Razak regressing into "the dark era of Mahathirism".

Urging the prime minister to be sensitive to the writings on the wall, its national adviser N Ganesan registered the movement's protest over amendments proposed to the Prevention of Crime Act.

"Hindraf views seriously the attempt to bring back the Internal Security Act in another form... and believes this is a desperate move by the ruling elite to cover up the inefficiency of the police and to maintain its grip on power.

"What is really happening is re-instituting the draconian ISA," he added in a statement.

"Najib portrayed a liberal approach in 2009 when he took office in the face of growing opposition to the then-government but is now reverting to the dark era of Mahathirism in the name of maintaining peace and security," Ganesan said.

He pointed out that there are enough laws in the country to protect the citizens, and that it is the police force that needs to be revamped.

"Corruption and loss of integrity are the main problems of the police and the government should acknowledge this instead of giving them (police) more draconian powers," he said.

Labelling it an "elite play", Ganesan noted that the problem of crime is not going to go away, but only "dissent will be muzzled".

"Hindraf urges the government to remove these unjust, immoral and draconian provisions in the next readings of the bill and retain only those provisions that will serve the people for the maintenance of security," he added.

NONE Persatuan Hindraf Malaysia chairperson P Waythamoorthy (left in photo) is a Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, and his criticism of the police conduct in the past has led to urgings for him to resign from several top Umno leaders including Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Najib himself had curtly warned Waythamoorthy in the past that the latter must toe the government line as he is part of the administration.

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