

## **Perkasa tells Khairy to mind his own business**

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Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin has no place commenting on the 'Allah' issue and should instead stick to matters pertaining to his ministry, said Malay rights lobby group Perkasa.

"Don't be a spokesperson for Putrajaya because you are only a youth and sports minister, not the prime minister or the minister in charge of religious affairs," said Perkasa secretary Syed Hassan Syed Ali (left) in a statement late yesterday.

He was responding to Khairy saying that the cabinet is standing by the federal government's 10-point solution forged in 2011 relating to the use of 'Allah' in Malay-language bibles.

The Umno Youth chief's statement comes after Prime Minister Najib Razak's cabinet received severe criticism for remaining mum on the ongoing row despite claiming to have discussed the matter several weeks ago.

DAP Seputeh MP Teresa Kok on Monday pointed out it was reported on Jan 9 that Najib would announce a cabinet decision on the issue.

To date, the PM has not uttered a word on the cabinet's decision, prompting former MCA chief Ong Tee Keat to ask whether the government is on "auto-pilot".

Meanwhile, despite the 10-point solution having been widely publicised, Syed Hassan appeared to be ignorant of the document.

"We want to ask Khairy what is this 10-point solution... please list out the 10 points. Is permission to use 'Allah' in the Malay Bible in the 10 points?" he asked.

Among others, the 10-point solution allows church groups to import or print Malay-language bibles as well as for Sabahans and Sarawakians to use these bibles in Peninsular Malaysia.

"It's best Khairy gives comments based on what the Yang Dipertuan Agong said on his birthday recently that 'Allah' is exclusive to Muslims only.

"We have not read any comment by Khairy on the Agong's statements," he said.

'KJ's Malay rights track record lacking'

Syed Hassan also took a swipe at Khairy's Malay rights credentials, asking why he had sided with the Christians during the church arson crisis in 2010.

"Perkasa keeps records - Khairy was among the earliest people present at a church that was burned several years ago.

But we didn't see his face at all in the mosques that was pelted with pigs' heads before that.

"Is that what a Umno Youth chief champions?" he asked.

The row over Malay-speaking Christians using 'Allah' in their Bible escalated after the High Court in 2010 overturned the Home Ministry's ban on Catholic weekly The Herald from using the word.

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