

MP: If PM is serious, act on Utusan, Perkasa, 'Allah'
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If Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is serious about reconciliation, then the first thing he should do is to suspend Umno-owned *Utusan Malaysia* for “inciting hatred among different races”, an MP said.

This should be followed by legal action against Malay rights pressure group Perkasa and “racist organisations” and resolving the dispute over the use of the word 'Allah' so as to not discriminate non-Muslims.

“My advice to you is, talk is cheap and taking photos is easy, but resolving difficult political issues needs real leadership,” PKR's Bayan Baru MP Sim Tze Tsin said today.

Responding to a blog post by Najib today, Sim, who is PKR deputy publicity chief, also ticked off Najib for trying to take credit for reconciliation efforts.

He said that instead of calling for unity immediately after the 13th general election, as Najib claimed in his blog post that he did, the prime minister had actually driven a wedge by calling the 13th general election a “Chinese tsunami”.

“Your party-owned newspaper *Utusan* followed suit and questioned, 'Apa Lagi Cina Mahu?' (What else do the Chinese want?), and your own party leaders then asked (those) who were not happy to leave this country,” he said.

Elegant silence at critical moments

And at critical moments, he said, when a church was hit by Molotov cocktails and meat thrown into a masjid, Najib kept an elegant silence.

“Malaysians have lost trust in your leadership, Mr Prime Minister.”

Najib, who had called for calm following the January church attack, in his blog today called on Malaysians to shun extremist groups and not to give them the publicity they crave.

He also said that there was no need to condemn the extremist groups, but to simply ignore their remarks and actions that widen divisions in society.

He also called on Malaysians to instead share stories of kindness among races.

Najib said this while announcing that the National Reconciliation Plan would be unveiled and implemented in the next few months